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WELLNESS

How science behind Covid jabs may help fight cancer

popularly known as 'Food Pharmer' online, announced the launch of 'Indian Protein School' recently In social media posts, Himats-

ingka outlined that under the project, he would train over 10 million parents and school teachers on what a protein-rich diet looks like:

launch a campaign pushing schools and offic-

es to serve affordable protein options and part-

ner with doctors to conduct research on pro-

tein science. Meanwhile, Mehta has started a

newsletter which busts myths around protein.

"We need to shift the conversation from protein

being a 'fitness supplement' to what it really

is - a fundamental nutrient that most Indians

exists across the board, it's more pronounced

among vegetarians, says Aiyer, with many

finding it difficult to meet the daily protein

requirement of 0.83gm per kg of body weight

per day for adults set by the Indian Council of

Medical Research, "For example, every house-

hold that eats a cup of dal thinks they're eating

a lot of protein. However, they forget that a

100-gm bowl of dal is boiled and further dilut-

ed by adding water, spices and other ingredi-

ents. As a result, an average 150ml of dal ac-

tually contains only 2-3gm of protein," she

explains. A better option, she says, would be

to add paneer or tofu to the plate, along with

curd or yogurt to a meal consisting of a regu-

curate their meals, quite a few innovative op-

tions have sprung up. One of them is Super You,

co-founded by Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh

and entrepreneur Nikunj Biyani. "Post Covid,

awareness about protein has increased dra-

matically. This has resulted in what I like to

call the proteinification of our foods," says

Biyani, whose own contribution to the category is a bio-fermented product. "Not only have

studies shown that it has the same efficacy as

an animal-based protein despite being vegan,

it's also good for the gut as it's fermented." For

those who have smelt the after-effects of too

much protein, that's a decided plus. The first

Super You launch is a protein wafer, with add-

ing the market, says Bengaluru-based entre-

preneur Vinit Kumar Kumar and his team

have patented clear whey protein isolate Pro-

tyze that comes in flavours like mango peach,

blueberry crush, and lychee martini. "I want-

ed to sell a form of really palatable protein,

which could be consumed by everyone daily.

nutritionists warn against overdoing it or ne-

glecting fruits, vegetables and whole grains

which provide vital vitamins, minerals and fi-

While protein is a crucial building block,

not just by gym goers," Kumar says.

bre. So, lead the whey, but carefully.

Taste and palatability remain key to crack-

ed fibre but no sugar or palm oil.

With many finding it difficult to carefully

lar bowl of dal and chapati/rice.

While the problem of protein deficiency

are missing out on," he says.

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Tomato ketchup or mint chutney, which one is healthier?

BODY

TIPS, TRENDS & TECH

KNOW YOUR VITAL STATS

Migraine, sinus or tension? **How to tell headaches apart**

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), almost half of all adults experience a headache at least once a year. But not every headache is the same

TYPES OF HEADACHES



Migraine Typically occurs on just one side of



Chuster headache Happens in bouts, typically on one side and behind



Happens around

head, the temples

and the forehead

the back of the

Post-traumatic headache Frequently occurs in the temples.

forehead and neck

Women are 2-3

to suffer from

times more likely

migraine than men

Location may vary from person to person

They are also 1.5 times more likely to get

But more men get cluster headaches

Sinus headache

Happens inside

cheekbones and

the forehead,

nasal cavity

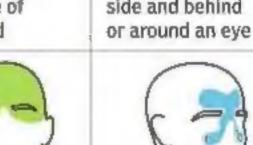






5gm 4gm CARBS 20gm 8gm SUGAR 10gm Both are traditional Indian desserts but have a very different

the head



Medication

overuse

tension headaches

Source: MedicalNewsToday



PROTEIN 4gm 1gm

nutrition profile. Kaju katli is made with cashews and is very high on calories, fats and sugar content. Rice kheer is a better option as it's made with milk, which adds to the protein and calcium content. But one must add less sugar and use low-fat milk to reduce the calories. Kaju katli can be an occasional treat, while one needs to do portion control when it comes to rice kheer.

Source: Ritika Samaddar, chief clinical nutritionist, Max Healthcare

Protein is trending in India, and it is exactly what the country needs

Companies are betting big on protein with products ranging from curd to chips. Is this a much-needed nutritional shift or overhyped obsession with the 'P' word?

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rotein curd, protein buttermilk, protein milk, protein pasta and even protein water. And of course, there are countless powders and bars that sound like desserts with flavours such as New York cheesecake and cookie butter crunch, Even the humble sattu, the food of farmers and working class in Bihar, is being pitched as a protein mix. Clearly, protein has gone from something only gym bros cared about to almost an obsession in urban India.

BEYOND THE MANIA

Protein, along with carbohydrates and fat, is an essential macronutrient. It helps in growth, development and tissue repair, And it becomes more important as we age because we need it to preserve muscle mass and strength. It also makes us feel fuller so that we don't load up on carbs. But do we really need all those protein-enhanced products in our diets? While in

On an average, an Indian is consuming about 2,000 calories per meal. But the protein to

calorie ratio is abysmal, while the carbs to calorie ratio is the highest Sangeetha Aiyer

the West, the conversation is about whether people are overdoing the protein, it's a different story in India. We are a protein-deficient nation due to vegetarian diets, selective meat-eating and the fact that a big part of the population can't afford it. According to UN Food and Agriculture Organisation data, India had a daily protein intake of only 70.5 gm per capita in 2021, lagging behind not only China's 124.6 gm and US' 124.3 gm, but also trailing Indonesia (79.8gm) and Pakistan (70.7gm). Studies have thrown up similar revelations; a survey by the Indian Market Research Bureau found that 73% of urban affluent individuals in India are protein deficient, with a vast majority unaware of their daily protein require-

ments or suitable protein sources. But this is changing, albeit slowly. Hyderabad-based nutritionist Sangeetha Aiyer says the number of client requests that come her way regarding advice for a protein-rich diet plan

HOW MUCH PROTEIN DO YOU NEED?

WHO and ICMR recommend a daily protein intake of 0.8gms per gm of body weight for adults. Active folks need more. It can be calculated with this formula:

Daily Protein Requirement (DPR)= 0.8 x (your body weight)

What to check for?

Verify actual protein

per serving on label,

For 70kg person, protein intake = $0.8 \times 70 = 56 gm$

How much is too much?

says Shashank Mehta. "If a product advertises 'high protein' but delivers only 2gm per serving, that's

misleading."

Very high-protein diets can cause kidney stones. Too much red meat may up heart disease and colon cancer risk. Plantbased proteins may not carry similar risks

Cheap can come at a price

Some brands sell whey protein at prices below cost of quality sourcing, using lower concentration whey (around 40%) or amino-spiking to inflate protein content. "These might have celebrity endorsements and attractive pricing but compromise on nutritional value," Mehta says

have significantly increased in the last couple products available in retail and e-commerce of years. However, Aiyer, who has worked with channels. These include early movers like over 2,000 clients so far, says a number of myths The Whole Truth, set up in 2019, along with and misinformation around protein emerge as the entry of big FMCG players like ITC, Amul and Tata Consumer Products. a result of poor health and nutrition literacy in India, "On an average, an Indian is consuming The trend can be termed as a 'democratiabout 2,000 calories per meal. But the protein to

sation' of protein consumption, says Shashank Mehta, founder of The Whole Truth Foods. "Athletes across disciplines from endurance sports to casual sports — are now incorporating supplements into their nutrition. More importantly, we're seeing growing adoption among people who aren't necessarily leading active lifestyles, as awareness grows about age-related muscle loss and protein's role in maintaining muscle mass," Mehta says.

BUSTING MYTHS

Attempts to plug this literacy gap have sprung up online. Influencer Revant Himatsingka,

get sight back

damaged

corneas in a

All three have

global first.

Japan uses stem cells for

cornea transplant; three

A Japanese ophthalmologist

took donor blood cells and

turned them into corneal

epithelial cells that were

successfully transplanted in

greatly improved vision now,

Clinical trials are planned in

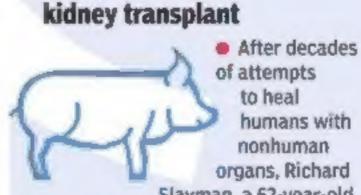
March to further assess the

treatment's efficacy.

with no major side effects.

three people with severely

First pig-to-human



to heal humans with nonhuman organs, Richard Slayman, a 62-year-old

man with kidney disease, became the first person ever to undergo a successful pig kidney transplant. Slayman had a good recovery and was able to stop dialysis, doctors said, but he died from his late-stage condition two months later.

MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS **AND RESEARCH THAT GAVE US HOPE IN 2024**

Cutting-edge CAR-T cell cancer therapy, now made in India

 That too, at one-tenth the cost. Mumbai-based biotech company ImmunoACT came up with



NexCAR19 — a desi version of the chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy first brought out in the US. Used mainly to treat blood cancer

edge treatment is also effective for brain cancer and autoimmune diseases. NexCAR19 offers hope for low and middle-income countries that cannot afford prohibitively expensive cancer treatment.

so far, this cutting-

Augmented reality for weight-loss surgery

 In another first, a bariatric surgeon from Delhi used an Apple Vision Pro augmented reality device to perform weight-loss surgery on a 45-year-old patient who weighed 155kg. The interactive 3D environment provided by AR helped the surgeon see complex anatomical structures with much greater clarity.

calorie ratio is abysmal, while the carbs to cal-

It's this gap that companies are looking to fill

with their easy-to-consume protein products.

A 2023 report by nonprofit think tank Good

Food Institute India shows that the 'smart

protein' sector in India has seen immense

development over the past five years, and has

the potential to offer a total economic oppor-

tunity of \$4.2 billion by 2030. India new boasts

over 113 startups across plant-based, fermen-

tation, and cultivated proteins, which sell 377

orie ratio is the highest," Aiyer says.

FILLING THE GAP

New gene therapy restores **UK toddler's hearing**

Opal Sandy had lived all 18 months of her life without being able to hear anything. until a 16-minute surgery gave her a working copy of the gene thought to have caused her deafness. Now, she can hear almost perfectly. More deaf children in the UK, Spain, and the US will participate in this gene therapy trial over the next five years.

Delhi beagle gets hybrid heart surgery

 Juliet, a seven-year-old beagle afflicted with Mitral valve disease, underwent a minimallyinvasive Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TEER) in Delhi, an entirely image-guided procedure dubbed the first in Asia and the second in the world. The common heart condition is a major cause of canine deaths worldwide. This hybrid 'beating heart' surgery was first performed at Colorado state university a couple of years ago.



Mumbai teen gets 1st shoulder-level arm transplant

 Anamta Ahmad, a 15-year-old from Goregaon, Mumbai was the first in the world, and the youngest to get a shoulder-level arm transplant after touching a livewire caused critical burns in her right arm. "Her muscles, blood vessels and nerves were severely damaged. We almost had to work inside the chest to repair them," said plastic surgeon Dr Nilesh Satbhai who performed her transplant in September.

Egypt becomes malaria-free

 "The disease that plagued pharachs now belongs to its history," WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in October after certifying that almost 100 years of antimosquito efforts have finally rid Egypt of malaria. It's the third country in the WHO's eastern Mediterranean Region to get a clean bill, following the UAE and Morocco



TECHNOLOGY

FOR HEALTH

Sleep apnea? Neuro implants promise good night's rest

early a billion people around the world suffer from sleep apnea, a common disorder in which breathing stops and starts frequently while sleeping. And that includes around 104 million Indians, The condition is usually treated with continuous positive airway pressure or CPAP machines that come with masks blowing pressurised air through the nose and throat while sleeping. It's not the most comfortable way to get a good night's rest.

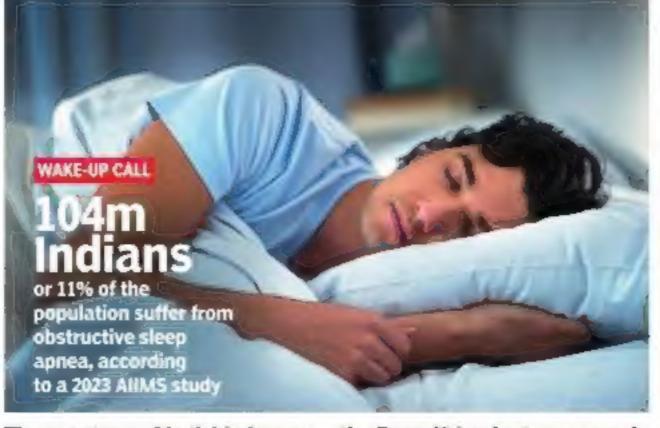
But now, some breakthroughs offer hope. In December, medics from University College London Hospitals NHS foundation trust (UCLH) fitted two patients with an app-controlled stimulator that zaps nerves in the tongue so that patients can breathe uninterrupted while sleeping. The implant called Genio was devised by medtech company Nyxoah.

Broadly, there are two kinds of sleep apnea — obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) and central sleep apnea (CSA).

when the throat muscles relax and block air flow into the lungs. This results in choking sounds, loud snoring and waking up frequently during the night. It has deadlier effects too, increasing risk of developing heart disease, stroke, diabetes and even cancer, and perhaps most important of all, car accidents, as such patients often fall asleep at the wheel. Chip implants like Genio are specifically for OSA, having four parts - neurostimulator, activation chip, charging unit and adhesive patches.

The neurostimulator is surgically inserted, and its electrodes are put in contact with the hypoglossal nerve which makes the tongue move. An external activation chip is attached under the chin at night with an adhesive patch. The chip stimulates the nerve while sleeping, which prevents the tongue from falling

back and blocking the upper airway. CSA happens when the brain doesn't send proper signals to the



The symptoms of both kinds overlap, including gasping for air while sleeping, insomnia, daytime sleepiness, headache in the morning and irritability. Allegheny Health Network, a healthcare company from

the Remedê implant, a pacemaker-like device specifically made for CSA patients.

"In severe cases, breathing may stop for up to 90 seconds, triggering the body's fight-or-flight response. OSA is more common and happens diaphragm that controls breathing. Pennsylvania, has come up with which then affects the cardiovascubreathing gets obstructed. AGENCIES

lar system," said Daniel Shade, sleep medicine specialist and director of the Allegheny Health Network Sleep Disorders Centre, in a press release.

The remede device sends small

electrical currents to the diaphragm to stimulate normal breathing rhythms. A cardiac electrophysiologist implants the battery-powered device under the skin of the upper chest in a minimally invasive procedure. The first implant was done in Pittsburgh in Dec 2023. "This system has been clinically proven to improve a patient's quality of life, reduce daytime sleepiness, and minimise disrupted

breathing events," Shade added. In another development, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved the first drug to treat obstructive sleep apnea. It's a weight-loss drug called Zepbound (tirzepatide) which, by helping people lose fat around the airway, reduces the number of times their

ASK YOUR DOCTOR

'In 9 out of 10 cases, lifestyle changes can cure back pain'

Chronic lower back pain is a leading cause of disability around the world, according to The World Health Organisation (WHO), and the second most common cause for hospital visits. It's a bane for most Indians, hindering daily chores, social lives and work. Dr G Balamurali, consultant spine surgeon at Kauvery Hospital, Chennal speaks to Pushpa Narayan about how serious the problem is and the solutions

Why is lower back pain on the rise globally? It's owing to lifestyle

changes, bad posture, obesity and poor road conditions, among other reasons. According to the WHO, back pain affected 619 million people globally in 2020 and is estimated to increase to 843 million cases by 2050. Eight

out of 10 people will suffer an episode of back or neck pain after the age of 45. Over 90% of patients suffer from non-specific lower back pain that cannot be attributed to any underlying disease, tissue damage or pathology.

injuries caused by accidents

is surgery a cure? I may advise surgery for back

or diseases such as tuberculosis, or for those with anatomical changes due to disc buige. However, nine out of 10 people with non-specific pain are advised an active lifestyle, with exercise and physiotherapy for muscle strengthening and spine rehabilitation. Posture changes such as adjusting the height of a kitchen counter; changing office chairs or pillow size: avoiding heavy weights, bending or twisting over in wrong posture; and keeping weight under control may also be recommended.

What causes back pain? Do women complain of it more often than men?

At least 66% of Indians suffer from mild, acute or chronic lower back pain, higher than the global average of 46%. It can affect people of all ages but is more common in those above 50, with women experiencing it more often than men. Various factors are responsible short stature, bad roads, obesity,

to me while going through divorce or depression, as back pain takes a huge mental toll as well.

lack of exercise and smoking

among others. In India, more

women have lower back pain

post-pregnancy as they don't

get back to normal weight and

fitness levels to keep their

back muscles strong. House-

hold chores women do here

involve bending, twisting and

carrying weights, which in-

creases risks. Osteoporosis

occurs early in women and

can cause spine fractures and

pain due to weak bones. But

patients must know that it can

be cured if they maintain a

Nearly 95% of back pain is not

serious and doesn't need sur-

gery or intensive care, but it

must not be ignored, Kids

with continuous back pain

and elders with sudden onset

of pain should be taken to a

doctor. If there's pain and

numbness radiating to your

leg and if you're unable to

pass urine or stool, you need

immediate medical attention.

Patients often come

Isn't back pain a serious

health problem then?

good lifestyle.

Email your feedback to toihealth.plus@timesofindia.com with Health Plus in the subject line. Please mention your name and city

Mumbai fog over sea, fish flee to warmer waters

A fog that has blanketed a vast expanse of the Arabian sea, off Mumbai's coast, has made the fish move towards warmer waters, forcing fishermen to venture up to 200km for a catch. Bombay duck, for instance, typically caught near Versova, is now found beyond Palghar, towards Gujarat. P8

Leopard at Infosys campus, staff WFH

A leopard was sighted at the Infosys campus in Mysuru early Tuesday, sending foresters, police and drones on a hunt to trap the big cat. CCTV footage showed the animal some 100m from the hostel on the campus. The campus was closed and staff asked to work from home for the day. P8

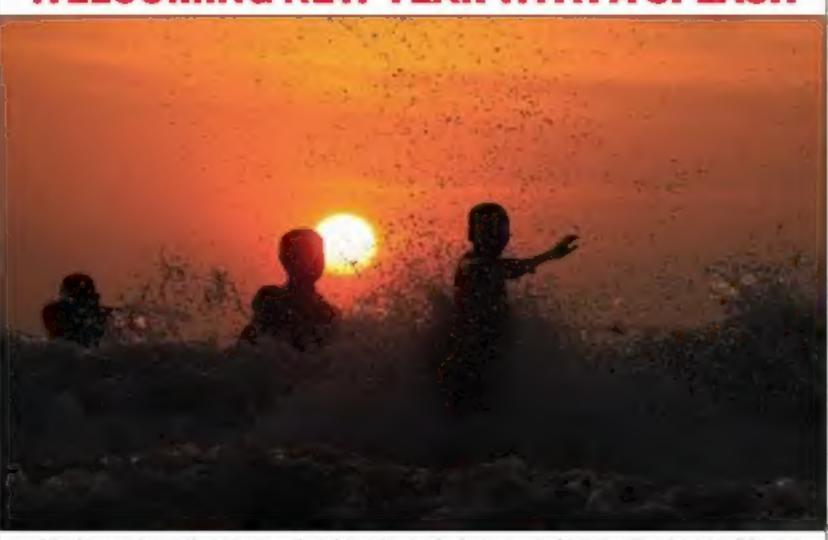
Singhvi backs plan on judges' appts

Top lawyer and Congress
I functionary Abhishek
Manu Singhvi has backed
the proposal to pause appointment of high court judges
from among those whose parents or close relatives are or
were judges themselves, to
give first-generation lawyers a chance to become constitutional court judges. P11

Andhra tourist killed at Goa shack

A 30-year-old visitor from Andhra Pradesh was killed in a drunken brawl at a beach shack in Calangute in North Goa early Tuesday. A 23-year-old shack worker has been arrested. Police said a fight broke out after the inebriated tourists demanded food though the shack was closed for the day. Fit

WELCOMING NEW YEAR WITH A SPLASH



Tourists throng Goa's Calangute-Baga beach to witness the last sunset of 2024 on Tuesday. In Delhi, some parts of the city continued to reel under 'cold day' conditions on New Year eve as day temperatures stayed below normal with a light fog layer keeping the sun partially screened. Narela recorded the lowest maximum temperature at 14.3 degrees C, 6 notches below normal. Expect a gusty start to the New Year as chilly winds of 25-35kmph are likely with cold day conditions in some places. However, freezing night temperatures typical of New Year time in the capital are unlikely over the next few days | P 2

SC gives Pjb 3 more days to hospitalise Dallewal

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Tuesday granted Punjab govt three more days to implement the direction to hospitalise farmer representative Jagjit Singh Dallewal, on faston-to-death for more than a month, but did not take cognisance of the state's attempt to involve the Centre in breaking the impasse, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.

Punjab AG Gurminder Singh informed a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Sudhanshu Dhulia that the intervenors had gone to the protest site and met the farmer leaders and representatives. "As per the intervenors, Dallewal is agreeing to take medical help if the Centre invites the farmers for talks on MSP," he said. The Justice Kant-led bench said, "Punjab govt is

Unified national mkt in draft agri policy

Three years after repealing
I the farm laws, Centre has
come out with a draft policy
framework on agriculture
marketing hinting states move towards a "unified national market for agriculture
produce" through single licensing and single fee. P11

seeking three days more to implement the court's (Dec 20) order and achieve the desired results. Taking into consideration the totality of circumstances and in the interest of justice, we are inclined to accept the request for grant of three days more time."

►Snubs Pjb 'plea', P 18

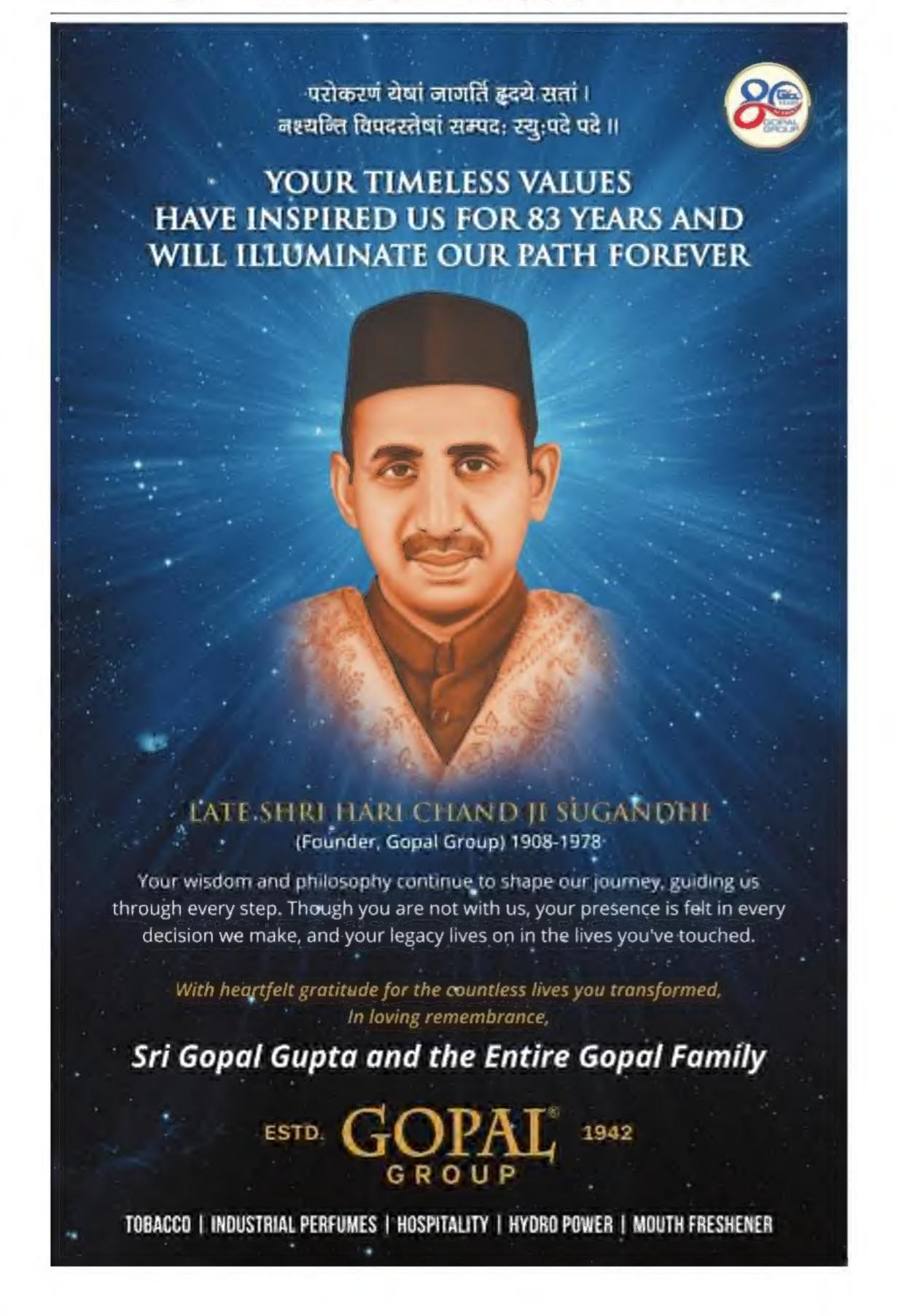
SGPC panel goes soft on man who tried to kill Badal

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee's executive committee reversed Tuesday its decision to excommunicate Narain Singh Chaura, who attempted to assassinate Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) functionary Sukhbir Singh Badal outside Amritsar's Golden Te-

mple on Dec 4.

The Dec 9 resolution urging the Akal Takht jathedar to excommunicate Chaura from the Panth was annulled without citing

The executive committee also discussed the killing of three suspected pro-Khalistan operatives from Punjab in a shootout with police in Uttar Pradesh and demanded a judicial inquiry into the deaths. P8



'Water warrior': This blind Good Samaritan has saved 13 people from drowning in Bihar

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Patna: Many others might have drowned if they faced the kind of crosscurrents that Bhullu Sahni, who suffers from congenital blindness, has in his life. But the doughty man from Bihar's Samastipur has instead created a splash with his rescue acts in rivers and ponds, earning the sobriquet of "Jal Yodha" (water warrior).

Magical powers possess Bhullu Sahni when he dives in, seemingly inexplicable skills that have led him to save 13 people from drowning in the past five years.



I'm gifted with rare cognitive skills, which I leverage to save people in distress, says Bhullu Sahni

"What if I can't see? I am gifted with rare cognitive skills, which I leverage to save people in distress. As soon as I enter a water body a special sense to navigate and identify the missing person is triggered inside me. Something shining appears under the wa-

ter and I rush to rescue it," said Bhullu, who has risked his life and retrieved 14 bodies

that had met watery graves. Such SOSs are not rare in Samastipur, a district crisscrossed by Ganga, Budhi Gandak, Bagmati and Kamla rivers. This means Bhullu, with his unique swimming techniques and fearless approach,

remains a go-to man in crisis. Bhullu comes from the "Mallah" (fisherman) community and lives in Patori block's Dumduma village. He said his father Kailu Sahni introduced him to swimming and fishing at an early age. In due course, he mastered the art, turning his affinity into

life-saving skills. "People reward me with Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,000 for one rescue act. I am happy with it as this helps me meet my ends," Bhullu said.

Local Chaksaho panchayat head Jago Devi hailed Bhullu's Samaritan spirit, saying people rush straight to him for help whenever there are reports of someone drowning, and he never disappoints. "We have reported the rare skills of Bhullu and his benevolent acts to the district administration and sought help for him. However, nothing has come so far," Devi said.

When not wading into waters, Bhullu and his kin get by selling fish and local produce,

A Parsi family that knows all about booze in Pakistan

Businessman-Politician Isphanyar Bhandara Tells The Story Of A **Community And A Distillery**

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n 1947, when the British transferred power to India and Pakistan, many businesses also changed hands. One of them was Murree Brewery, among the oldest distilleries in Asia, which was then largely owned by a British family. The Bhandaras of Lahore became its new owners. They were a Parsi family that had thrived in the liquor business.

Isphanyar Bhandara now runs Pakistan's top brewery. He recently made a brief halt in New Delhi on his way to Nepal. "It's my tenth visit to India," the businessman politician said cheerfully, a Pakistan flag lapel pin on his coat the only green in his otherwise blue attire.

Liquor business is heavily regulated in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. About 96% of the country's population is Muslim. The brewery, accordingly, points out on its website, "Under the country's laws Pakistan Muslims are prohibited from consuming alcoholic drinks. Non-Muslims and foreigners require a consumption permit."

Nonetheless, the business has been rewarding for the Bhandaras, "The forbidden fruit is always sweet," said Isphanyar, "We make beers from Australian barley. Our vodkas and single malts are also doing very well. It's all about quality. We also make and export fruit juice and are heavily into (bottled) water," he added.

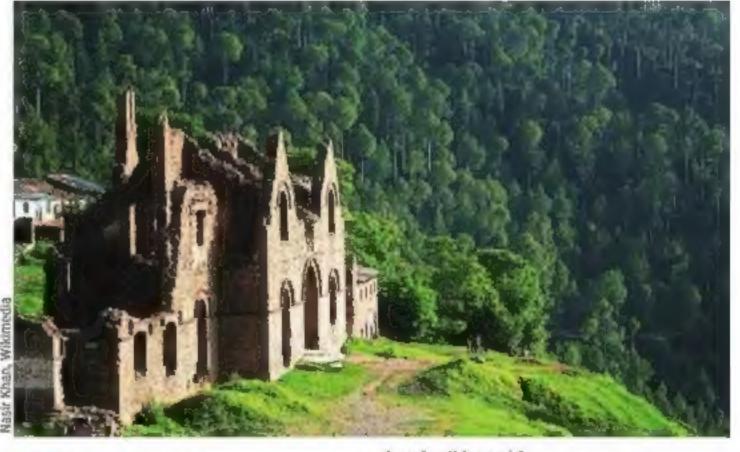
Dwindling Community

Success though hasn't been limited to the arena of trade. Isphanyar is also a member of the Pakistan National Assembly. His father was a central minister under Zia-ul-Haq in the 1980s and an MP during the Pervez Musharraf regime.

But, as a community, the Parsis have wilted. In 1947, Isphanyar says, about 20,000-25,000 of them lived in Pakistan. Like in India, they played a major role in nation-building, especially in cities like Karachi. They were among the top businessmen and jurists and were engaged in philanthropic work. In the 19th century, Parsis were also among the early cricketers of Karachi. According to an article in scoreline.org, a team of Parsi cricketers toured England in 1886. In 1952, when Pakistan's cricket team toured India, southpaw batter Rusi Dinshaw was part of the squad, although he didn't get to play a Test.

"Today, we are less than 1,000," says Isphanyar "Most of the Parsi population is in its 80s or 90s, a bit like the Japanese. There are very few young Parsis in Pakistan today," he said.

Many left due to economic reasons, others due to law and order issues. One such migrant was the renowned writer



VINTAGE STUFF: The ruins of one of the earliest structures to house Murree Brewery in Pakistan's Murree tehsil, Isphanyar Bhandara (right), the company's CEO, is also a member of the Pakistan National Assembly



Murree Brewery

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Bapsi Sidhwa, whose novel, Ice Candy Man, was made into a feature film called "Earth' by director Deepa Mehta. Sidhwa passed away in Houston

on Dec 25 last year, she was Isphanyar's aunt. The 54-year-old businessman gets raw material and machinery from India. "A lot of In companies Pakistan do. The problem is, it is via Rawalpindi Dubai," he said. But there are other reasons why he wants more trade between the

Bridges Of Business

two neighbours.

"We can disagree on Kashmir, put it on the back burner. We don't have to concede our position and India doesn't

Murree Brewery, which passed into the hands of the Bhandaras of Lahore in 1947, was set up in 1860. Edward Dyer, father of Reginald Dyer, the perpetrator of the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre, was its first manager

have to concede theirs. But we should keep the baggage of history aside and look at the common good of the com-

mon people. We should open the Wagah

border," he said.

More business will benefit the underprivileged, he believes, "We need it for the common man - dal, roti, cheeni, stuff like that. It will lower the inflation in Pakistan. I've made my presentations to our Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif saab. I'm keeping my fingers crossed," he said.

Not many know that the brewery it gets its name from the scenic resort town — was set up in 1860, just three years after the 1857 revolt, to mainly service British troops. Edward Dyer, father of Reginald Dyer, the perpetrator of the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre, was its first manager, By 1890, water shortage and other logistical is-

sues had forced the distillery to shift to the Rawalpindi area, where it continues to be headquartered.

There was a time when Murree Beer was sold in India. "In fact, Pakistan railways had put up tracks inside the brewery that used to carry beer to places like Kabul, Amritsar and, of course, to Karachi port," he said. But the state of politics and, consequently, policies, changed in Pakistan in the late 1970s

when, exceptions aside, alcohol was banned. But as reputed Dawn columnist Nadeem Paracha wrote in 2013, "Despite the violence and the eventual prohibition on the (open) sale of alcohol and bars in Pakistan in April 1977, Pakistanis never did stop drinking." About two decades back, a possible

joint venture project proved abortive, "In 2006, when Vijay Mallya (former chairman of United Spirits) visited Pakistan to watch a cricket match, the prospect of doing something together was broached with my father. But politics did not allow them to come together," he said.

Political relations between the two countries have further dipped now. But Isphanyar is an optimist. He wants the situation to improve. And more Indo-Pak trade, he insists, is the way to begin.

Report links India to anti-Muizzu plot, Maldives ex-prez denies it

MEA Mum, But **Govt Sources Rubbish Claim**

THIN & AGENCIES

New Delhi: Former Maldives president Mohamed Nasheed has dismissed a Washington Post report alleging that the opposition sought \$6 million from India to aid in a plot to impeach Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu.

The former Maldives president stated he was unaware of any "serious plot" against President Muizzu and added that India would never support such a move.

"I read with interest today's Washington Post article. I was unaware of any plot against the President, though some people always live in conspiracy. India would never back such a move, as they always support Maldives' democracy. India has never dictated terms to us, either," Mo-

hamed Nasheed wrote on X.



File photo of Maldives President Muizzu with PM Modi. Washington Post reported that the Maldives opposition sought \$6m from India to help impeach Muizzu. But ex-president Nasheed said India has always supported Maldives' democracy and would never back any such move

port stated that Maldivian opposition politicians proposed bribing 40 MPs, including those from Muizzu's own party, to vote to impeach him.

There was no official reaction from MEA to the report that appeared on Monday. Sources in the govt, however, strongly denied that India might have played a role in the alleged efforts to oust Muizzu. India's relations with the strategically located neighbour in the Indian Ocean have been looking up since PM Modi invited Muizzu for his swear-

quent state visit by the president to India. During his visit to India. Muizzu said in an interview to **TOI** that he will never do anything to hurt India's security interests.

"In an internal document titled 'Democratic Renewal Initiative' and obtained by The Washington Post, Maldivian opposition politicians proposed bribing 40 MPs, including those from Muizzu's own party, to vote to impeach him. The document proposed paying 10 senior army and police officers and three power-The Washington Post re-ing-in in June and the subse-ful criminal gangs to ensure ing BJP," the report alleged.

Muizzu's removal. To pay off the various parties, the conspirators sought 87 million Maldivian rufiyaa, or \$6 million, and according to two Maldivian officials, it would be sought from India," Wash-

ington Post report alleged. The report also claimed that a senior officer from India's intelligence agency, R&AW, "explored" a plan to overthrow President Mulzzu months after he assumed office.

"In Jan, after Muizzu took office, an adviser to Muizzu family said, a R&AW officer at India's embassy in Washington explored a plan to overthrow the president with two Indian intermediaries who had political and business contacts in Maldives. One intermediary was Shirish Thorat, a former police officer who has worked as a private military contractor and advised Mohamed Nasheed when he was Maldivian president on how to curb Islamist radicalisation. The other was Savio Rodrigues, a Goa-based publisher who earlier served as a spokesperson for govern-

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Cart Before The (Prancing) Horse



A couple from Mumbai driving a Ferrari California T on Revdanda beach in Raigad, Maharashtra, found themselves stuck in the sand, only to be rescued by a bullock cart. A video clip of the Dec 28 incident has gone viral on social media. The Ferrari owner, Abhishek Tapadia, faces charges of reckless driving. THE

Half-a-dozen big mission launches in 2025: Minister

pace minister Jitendra Singh said Tuesday that half-a-dozen big missions have been lined up for launches in early 2025 that will include sending a female robot to space as a prelude to Gaganyaan manned mission & launching the world's most expensive satellite, NISAR. P14

New Dec high for Del peak power demand

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The plummeting temperature in Delhi has raised power demand to new heights, with Tuesday clocking a peak of 5,213MW, the highest ever for Dec, discom officials said, P2

Chinese hackers stole docus: US

The US Treasury Dept said Chinese hackers remotely accessed several of its workstations and unclassified documents after compromising a third-party softwareservice provider, P20

CM Biren apologises to Manipur strife victims

'Let's Begin New Year On Note Of Reconciliation'

Manash Gohain & Kangkan Kalita TNN

New Delhi/Guwahati: Manipur CM N Biren Singh expressed "regret" and apologised to people of the state Tuesday for nearly 20 months of intermittent ethnic bloodletting on his watch, saying it was time now to "forgive and forget" as the BJP-led govt builds on the "improvement in law and order and focuses on development".

"Many people have lost their loved ones, many left their homes behind., Being their CM, I feel the pain of the innocent people," he said.

"Let's begin the New Year on a reconciliatory note and work towards peace," he added, citing statistics sugges-

20th anniv: Quad

backs free & open

Indo-Pacific

\uad foreign ministers is-

sued a joint statement

Tuesday to commemorate

the 20th anniversary of Qu-

ad cooperation, reaffirming

commitment to a free and

open Indo-Pacific and to wor-

king together in responding

to future needs of the region.

significant for India as it pre-

pares to host the next Quad

summit in 2025. EAM S Jais-

hankar has expressed confi-

dence that Donald Trump

will continue to support Qu-

ad like he did during his first

term as President. P12

The joint statement is

Now that the situation has improved, political dialogue should start between the communities involved. The resilience of our people and the measures taken have led to a more stable environment. The road ahead looks promising

ting the state had rebounded from the horrors of the conflict since May 3, 2023, in which over 250 people died, many women were raped, villages burned and people displaced. Comparing the period May to Oct 2023 and May 2024 to date, Singh said Manipur reported fewer deaths (down from 178 to 12) and injuries (1,429 to 160) in

-N Biren Singh

▶'Infiltrators threat', P 18

violence this year.

Women clash with forces, 40 wounded

tleast 40 people were woun-Aded Tuesday during a clash between security forces and women protesters in Kangpokpi district of Manipur after a bid to dismantle what residents termed as "community bunkers" in Saibol-Twiching area, Security sources said these were used by gunmen for attacks. P18

Cong: Why can't PM go to state, apologise?

fter the Manipur CM's aplology Congress asked why PM Modi couldn't go to the state and do the same. "He 2023, even as he jets around the country and the world,"

has deliberately avoided visiting the state since May 4.

Congress's Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X. PTI Pocso invoked 8 yrs after

a minor was overlooked.

FIR, HC calls it 'shameful'

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat high court called "prima facie strange and also shameful" invocation of charges under Pocso Act in a case of sexual offence against a minor, eight years after FIR was lodged and trial was nearing completion.

The case is from Mehsana town, north Gujarat, where a 15-year-old lodged a complaint against four people for outraging her modesty in Jan 2016. The accused were charged under IPC provisions, but the fact that the survivor was

▶ 'Casual approach', P 12

IN THE COURTS Delhi court grants bail in a case of causing grievous hurt, says accused joined probe when called and could not be arrested without specific recorded reason | P 6

K'taka HC stays probe against IIM-B faculty members in case of bias alleged by Dalit associate professor | P 11

K'taka pvt bus passenger to be paid over \$1 lakh for 'mental agony, hardship & financial loss' he suffered due to bug bites on a journey in 2022 | P 8

PM: Will work harder on Viksit **Bharat dream**

New Delhi: PM Modi welcomed the new year by saying "we are determined to work even harder in 2025 and reali-



and that of the Cabinet Committee on Security, Wednesday, the first day of the new year, and some important decisions are likely to be taken, sources said.

On a video post by MyGovIndia on X, Modi said, "Collective efforts and transformative outcomes! 2024 has been marked by many feats which have been wonderfully summed up in this video."

▶Infra boost, P 18

MAGA hardliners now target OPT for int'l students

AGA nativists are ta-IVIking aim at the OPT (Optional Practical Training) programme that helps foreign students and graduates, many from India, stay back in the US to gain work experience, even as the optics surrounding the H-1B guest worker visa is changing rapidly, reports Chidanand Rajghatta.

After a fierce campaign against the H-1B visa programme, hardliners are putting the OPT programme, seen as a precursor to H-1B, under the lens. Foreign students who come to the US on an F1 visa are eligible to participate in OPT after the first academic year and remain in the US - for up to 3 years in case of STEM grads - to gain work experience. P 20

Kejriwal launches 'registrations' for priest scheme

Performs Puja At Temple, Celebrates Mahant's Birthday

New Delhi: AAP's national convenor Arvind Kejriwal launched registrations for the 'Pujari-Granthi Samman Yojana' at Marghat Wale Baba Hanuman Mandir, near ISBT. Tuesday along with his wife Sunita Keiriwal, who

performed puja at the temple, reports Abhinav Rajput. He had announced "guarantee" of a month-

if AAP returned to office. In a coincidence, it was the birthday of the mahant

priests and granthis Monday

at the temple. "I also celebra-

BJP slams Kejriwal: He's 'chunavi Hindu'

n AAP's outreach to priests. Delhi BJP accused former CM Kejriwal of embracing Hinduism only during elections, labelling him a "chunavi Hindu". VHP also alleged that the move was a ploy to garner electoral support by exploiting religious sentiments, P4

The BJP tried its best to stop the registrations today but no one can stop a devotee from meeting his god," said Kejriwal on X.

Meanwhile, CM Atishi visited Gurdwara Sahib in Karol Bagh for beginning registration of granthis and prayed for "landslide victory" for AAP in assembly polls.

ted his birthday with him. >'People protested', P 4

Biwi bhaag jayegi': Adani's take on work-life balance

Ahmedabad: Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani has offered a humorous take on the much-debated subject of work-life balance that has been raging on in the Indian corporate world. Insisting that enjoying one's work is essential to achieving work-life balance, Adani quipped in a me dia interview, "Aath ghanta family ke saath bitayega toh biwi bhaag jaayegi (Wife will run away if eight hours are spent with family)."

Adami said work-life balance is a matter of personal choice. "Your idea of work-life balance should not be imposed

Your work and life are balanced when you do things that you like doing. For us, it is either family or work; we don't have a world other than that. - Gautam Adani on me and my idea shouldn't

be imposed on you. Say, someone spends 4 hours with family and finds joy in it, or if someone else spends 8 hours and enjoys it, that is their work-life balance..." TNN

►NRN suggestion, P 18

T2 likely to be shut in April for a few months

[GI Airport's T2 is likely to be closed for a few months around April 2025, when the ongoing repair and restoration of T1 - a part of which collapsed last June - is complete and it finally starts getting fully utilised, reports Saurabh Sinha. Sources said the repair at T2 involves "minor" work in the building and more on the apron side that should take four-five months. P2

UP man lynched on suspicion of cow slaughter

37-year-old man from \ UP's Moradabad was beaten by cow vigilantes of a right-wing outfit for allegedly slaughtering a cow. The incident was reported from Moradabad's Majhola around 3,30am on Monday, The victim, Shahedeen Qureshi, died a few hours later. A purported video of the attack was circulated online mostly by the vigilantes on Tuesday P11

Death for nurse: India 'extending all possible help'

117ith Yemen having up-VV held the death sentence awarded earlier to a Kerala nurse, Indian govt said it's extending all possible help to Nimisha Priya, "We are aware of the sentencing of Ms. Nimisha Priya in Yemen. We understand that the family of Ms. Priya is exploring relevant options. The govt is extending all possible help in the matter," said the MEA in a statement. P10







Delhi Police revives 'Bangladesh Cells' to deal with illegal immigrants | 5





At 5,213MW, peak power demand at new Dec high

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The plummeting temperature in Delhi has raised power demand to new heights, with Tuesday clocking a peak of 5,213MW, the highest ever for Dec, discom officials said. For the first time in Delhi's history, the peak power demand in Dec crossed the 5,000MW mark on Monday.

According to State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC), the demand stood at 5,213MW at 10.50am on Tuesday, after touching 5,046MW on Monday. Delhi's peak power demand in Dec was 4,884MW in 2023 and 4.964MW in 2022, discomofficials said.

are expected to follow the record-breaking summer trend in the peak power demand, which reached an unprecedented peak of 8,656MW this year. Forecasts from SLDC indicate rological Department consithat Delhi's peak power de- dersit a cold day when the mimand this winter could sur- nimum temperature is below pass 6,300MW, setting a new seasonal high, officials said.

"Last winter, the peak hit 5,816MW, marking the highest level recorded in the national capital, Within BRPL and BYPLareas, winter peaks previously hit 2,529MW and 1,210MW, respectively. This winter, they are projected to exceed 2.600MW for BRPL and 1.240MW for BYPL." said a corded it. While Narela (14.3) BSES official.

successfully met this winter Palam and Pusa witnessed a season's peak power demand of 1,646MW on Tuesday without any power outage or network constraint.

A senior discom official said the increase was due to decreased temperatures, and around 50% of the load was heating load, which meant an increased number of people were rise," said a Met official. using geysers and heaters. BSES discomofficials said they focusing on strategic power planning, precise demand forecasting, and maintaining a robust distribution network.

On New Year's Day, Expect **Cold Day To Give City A Miss**

MOONRISE 9.16AM (THU)

SUNRISE 7.14AM (THU)

MINIMUM

FORECAST Moderate fog likely. Max & min temperatures on

MOONSET 6.58PM (WED)

SUNSET 5.36PM (WED)

Wednesday would be around 18°C and 8°C

AQI Dips To Poor From Moderate, Fog Likely For A Few Days

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New Delhi: Parts of Delhi reeled under cold day conditions on the last day of the year. As wind speed reduced, Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) worsened from 173 in the moderate category on Monday to 283 in the poor category on Tuesday.

The maximum temperature at Safdarjung, which is the city's base station, was 17.7 degrees Celsius, three notches below normal. At 14.3 degrees Celsius, six degrees below nor-The winter months in Delhi mal, Narela recorded the lowest maximum temperature.

Several areas recorded 'cold day' to 'severe cold day' for the second consecutive day on Tuesday. India Meteo-10.1 degrees Celsius and the departure of maximum temperature from normal is 4.5 degrees or above. A severe cold day is declared when the departure of maximum temperature from normal is 6.5 degrees or above.

The criteria for a cold day was not met at Safdarjung on Tuesday, but four stations reand Najafgarh (14.5) reeled un-Tata Power-DDL said it der severe cold day conditions, cold day with maximum temperatures settling at 14.9 and 15.3 degrees Celsius, respectively.

"Winds are expected to rise to 25-35 kmph during the daytime on Wednesday. Cold day conditions are unlikely on Wednesday, as the maximum temperature may see a slight

The minimum temperature at Safdarjung was 9.6 degrees Celsius, three degrees below normal. It was 10.3 degrees Celsius a day earlier. However, Ayanagar witnessed

AIR QUALITY WON'T GET BETTER SOON



Cold day Minimum temperature below 10.1°C and maximum temperature 4.5°C or more below normal

> Cold day to severe

for second consecutive

the lowest minimum in the ci-

sified in the city following the

recent rain. Several northern

states are reeling under a cold

wave with snowfall continu-

2024 (till) Dec 30) recorded the

lowest mean maximum tem-

perature at 22.8 degrees Celsi-

us in three years. The last time

the city recorded a lower av-

erage maximum temperature

than this was in Dec 2021 at 22.4

The Met department has

In Delhi, the last month of

The winter chill has inten-

ty at 6.6 degrees Celsius.

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conditions were

observed at

isolated areas

day on Tuesday

cold day

> The

maximum temperature at Safdarjung was 17.7°C - 3°C below normal

➤ AQI deteriorated from 173 (moderate) on Monday to 283 (poor) on Tuesday

predicted that the maximum

and minimum temperatures

are likely to be around 17 and

8 degrees Celsius on Wednes-

day. "A western disturbance

is expected to impact the re-

gion from Jan 2-3 and the mi-

nimum temperature is likely

torise again," said an official.

shallow to moderate fog is lik-

ely over the next few days.

The minimum temperature

may reach around 11 degrees

Celsius on Jan 4 and 5, while

the maximum temperature

may rise to 16 degrees Celsius

over the next few days.

IMD has predicted that

> Delhi's air

6.5°C or more below normal

Severe cold day Maximum temperature

quality is expected to remain in the poor category until Jan 2

According to Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, which is the forecasting body under the union ministry of earth sciences, the air quality is likely to remain in the poor range till Jan 2, but it may deteriorate to the very poor category on Jan 3.

An AQI reading of 50 or below is classified as good, while readings between 51 and 100 fall in the satisfactory category, and those between 101 and 200 are classified as moderate. Poor air ranges from 201 to 300, very poor from 301 to 400, and severe from 401 to 500.

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Annual AQI avg is worse than 2023, same as 2022

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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The average Air Quality Index (AQI) was 209 in 2024, which was worse than in 2023 when it was 204. The same average AQI of 209 was also recorded in 2021 and 2022.

"Despite the vagaries of meteorology and weather conditions, the average AQI for 2024 has been the second best, at par with 2021 and 2022, barring the Covid year," said Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in a statement on Tuesday.

The average AQI was 225 in 2018, 215 in 2019, 185 in 2020, and 209 in 2021 and 2022.

TOI reported on Tuesday that Dec 2024 was the cleanest ever, but the average AQI of 209 in 2024, tied with two other years, was the worst AQI since 2019. No good air day (when AQI is below 51) was recorded in the city in 2024.

CAQM said continual, concerted, and persistent efforts city to handle 1.5 crore pasof all the stakeholders throughout the year in 2024 further helped to improve the general air quality in Delhi, as is evident from a record 209 days during 2024 with the AQI falling below 200. In contrast, the number of days when AQI was below 200 were 197 in 2021, 163 in 2022, and 206 in 2023. "With persistent field-

level efforts and targeted policy initiatives for quantified results in the short, medium, and long term, it is expected that the air quality scenario over Delhi will see further gradual but marked improvement, year on year," said CAQM. CAQM said the year 2024

also witnessed a record low level of episodic events of farm burnings during paddy harvesting season. Number of farm fires recorded during the paddy harvest season 2024 were 10,909 in Punjab, 1,406 in Haryana and a total of 12,750 including NCR areas of UP, Rajasthan and Delhi.

T2 may be closed for repair once T1 ready around April

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New Delhi: The 1986-era terminal 2 (T2) of Indira Gandhi International Airport is likely to be closed for a few months around April 2025, when the ongoing repair and restoration of T1 - a part of which collapsed last June is complete and it finally starts getting fully utilised.

While sources say the repair at T2 involves "minor" work in the building and more on the apron side that should take about four-five months, the exact timing of its reopening could well be decided on what impact the upcoming Noida International Airport(NIA) has on traffic at IGIA. In the past also T2 has been mothballed at least twice as T1 and T3 were sufficient to meet the requirement.

The reason: T2 has a capa sengers annually (CPA). NIA at Jewar is slated to get operational around mid-2025 with an initial capacity of 1.2 CPA. Unlike Mumbai where the megapolis' CSMIA is already handling passengers beyond its capacity and the Navi Mumbai Airport - which also opens around the same time as NIA - will get all additional flights, Noida Airport

is getting operational when IGIA still has a long way to go before it gets saturated. So the impact NIA has on its traffic is being keenly watched by Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) on both its passenger and cargo. It will accordingly determine the timing of the final stage of IGI-A's development — demolishing T2 to make way for a much larger T4 with a capacity of 4 CPA in its place.

"Repair at T1 has begun and is expected to be over by April. A few days after that happens and the expanded T1 is put to 100% use. T2 will be shut for repairs on the building and apron side. There could be a time lag between the two events to factor in any teething troubles at T1, which will be fully operational for the first time after its expansion work is completed," say people in the know.

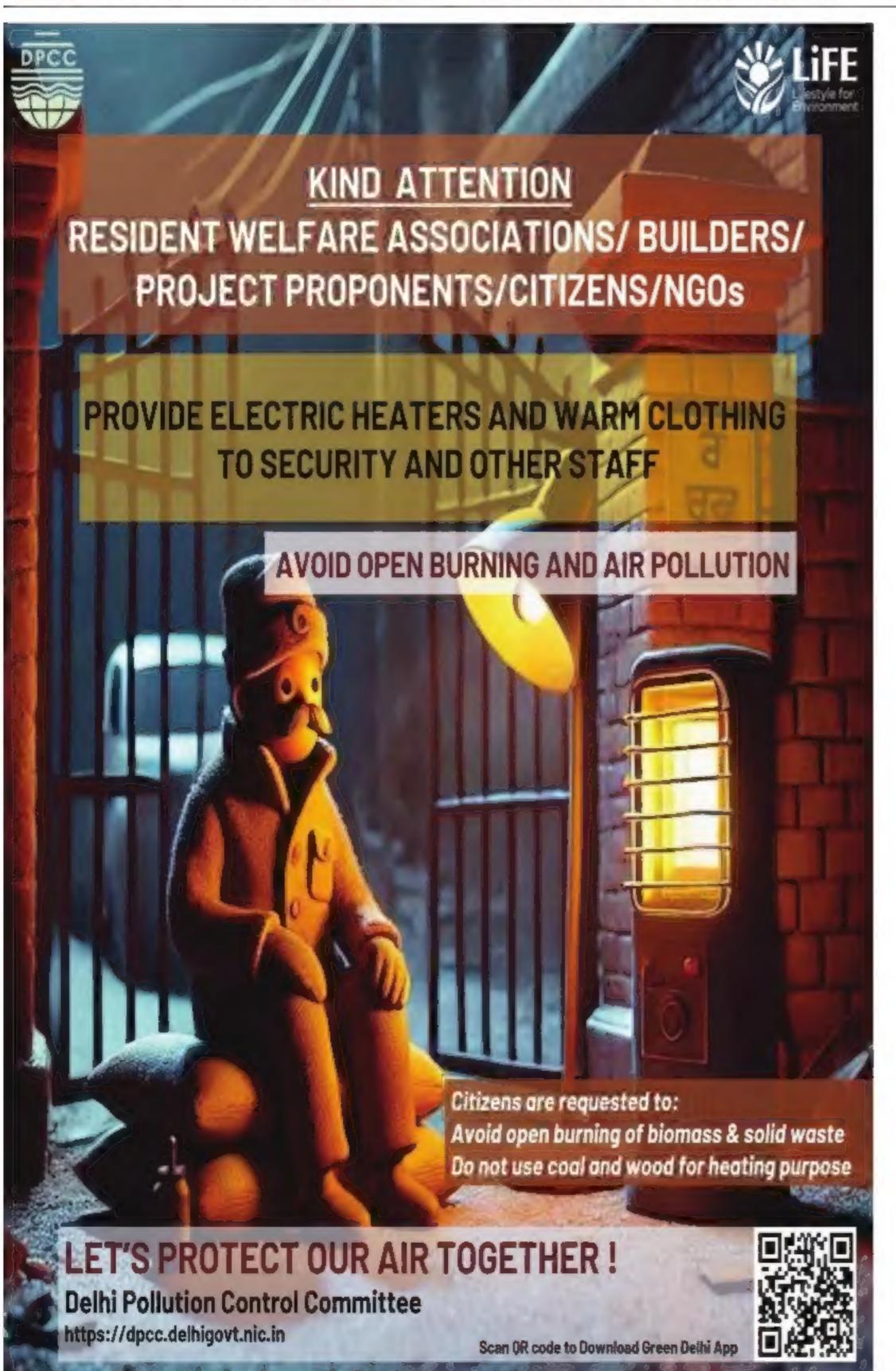
The revamped T1, which saw its capacity doubling to 4 CPA, was inaugurated in March and it was supposed to get fully operational within a couple of months. However, the collapse of a 2009-era canopy on June 28 saw T1 being fully set down and then only the new portion was partially opened a few months later. Now with the repair work targeted to be over by April 2025, that should finally happen this summer.

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CHANGE Begins Here



The revamped T1 at IGI Airport was inaugurated in March





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In Focus: Seats With Low Victory Margin

'Constituencies Where Gap In 2020 Poll Was Less Than 10,000 Can Easily Be Won By Either Party'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Stakes are high for the three major political players in the upcoming assembly polls, which are likely to take place in a little over a month. The run-up to the polls has been intense so far with AAP, BJP and Congress striving to outdo each other in the campaign.

In the last two editions, AAP swept the majority vote share and comfortably won the majority of seats, and it has not allowed complacency to affect its campaign so far. While BJP is hoping to turn around its fortunes this time. Congress, which ceded its ground to AAP in the 2015 and 2020 assembly polls, is trying to regain its footing in city politics. Congress failed to win a single seat in the last two elections, and its vote share consistently fell from 40.3% in 2008, when it won 43 seats, to 24.6% in 2013, 9.7% in 2015, and 4.3% in 2020.

In its debut election in 2013, AAP won an impressive 29.5% vote share, which translated into 28 seats. However, the 2015 election proved extraordinary, with the party winning 67 of 70 seats with a vote share of 54.6%. In 2020, AAP's vote share fell

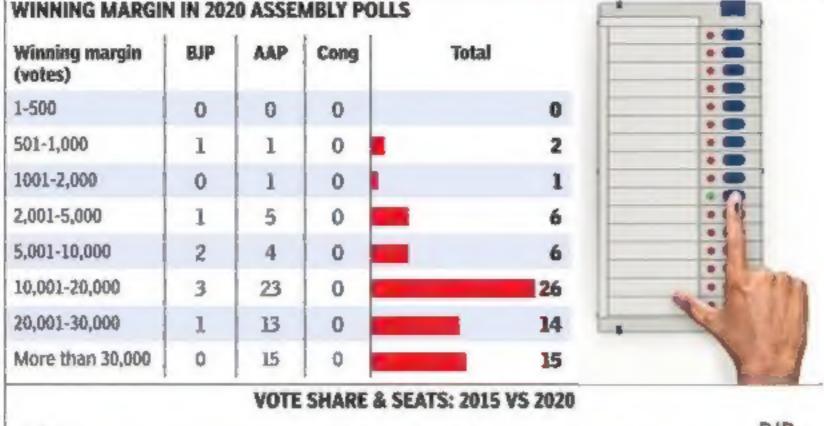
marginally by 1%, and it won 62 seats.

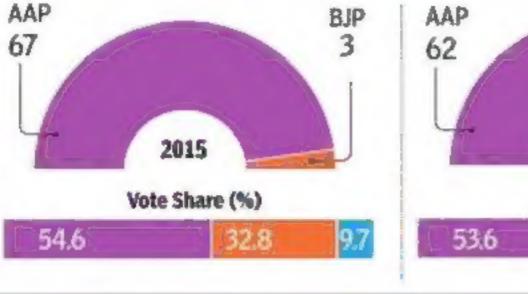
BJP polled 33.1% of votes in 2013 and won 32 seats. While its vote share dropped marginally to 32.8% in 2015, it could barely win three seats. It increased to 38.5% in 2020, and it secured eight seats.

hoping to consolidate their vote share in constituencies where they received massive support while eyeing areas where the victory margin was less than 10,000 votes. There were 15 such seats in the last assembly election where the victory margin was less than 10,000, while the number of such seats was just six in the 2015 polls. There were 26 seats where the difference in votes was between 10,001 and 20,000 votes, while in 14 constituencies, the margin was between 20,001 and 30,000 votes. In 15 constituencies, the winner received more than 30,000 votes than their nearest rival, and all such seats were won by AAP.

margin in the last poll is less than 10,000 can easily be won by either party. That's why, apart from the usual campaign and electoral promises by the candidates, groundwork done by the party volunteers functionary.

TAKING STOCK BEFORE ASSEMBLY POLLS





at the booth level plays a major role," said a senior AAP

"The party leadership has been in constant touch with our workers at the booth level

to ensure that our candidates get maximum votes," he added. AAP has also brought in its

CONG 4.3

Vote Share (%)

Ordinary people unhappy, protested against ex-CM: BJP best-performing campaign managers from other states to assist the volunteers in the city. A senior BJP functionary ▶ Continued from P1

agreed that the contest would be cut-throat in several constituencies, especially those where the victory margin was low With Congress hoping to do better than last time. BJP functionaries said they have a fair chance of changing the outcome even in seats where AAP won with a handsome vote share in the last poll. "Since Congress and AAP share a common vote bank, improvement in the former's vote share will directly improve our chances of winning," said a BJP functionary.

In the 2020 polls, Congress contested 66 seats (four went to Rashtriya Janata Dal in a seat-sharing arrangement). and its three candidates polled more than 20,000 votes, while five got between 10,001 and 20,000 votes. While 20 candidates polled 5,001-10,000 votes, 38 were reduced to less than 5,000.

"We will not only impact ling abuses at me," said Kejrithe outcome on a few seats, but our candidates will also win this time in several constituencies. The result this time will be surprising in Delhi," said a Congress functionary.

unced on Monday that if AAP

returned to office, temple pri-

ests and gurdwara granthis

will receive a monthly salary

using public funds for politi-

calgain and said, "They act as

if they are giving from their

own pockets, whereas the

truth is that the hard-earned

money of the public is being

squandered for their political

daydreams." He urged the

Election Commission to in-

vestigate what he termed "manipulative schemes" de-

signed to deceive voters in the

of this deceit, greed and mani-

pulative schemes being spre-

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"The EC should take note

litical parties in the

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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capital," Bansal said.

national capital.

Bansal accused AAP of

of Rs 18,000.

and granthis there? Start now, I have shown you the way. Instead of abusing me, implement this scheme across your states so that everyone benefits," he said. Chief minister Atishi, ster Arvind Kejriwal anno-

who had gone to the gurdwara, said, "During registration, granthis blessed Arvind Kejriwal and me, saying this

Tejriwal had announced

that he would be visit-

ing the Hanuman Tem-

At the Connaught Place

ple at Connaught Place but

changed the venue at the last

minute. The mahant's birth-

temple, tensions had escalated between AAP and BJP sup-

porters who had gathered in

close proximity. While one

group chanted "Phir layenge

Kejriwal", the other respon-

ded with "Gali gali me shor

self from the protesters, de-

scribing them as ordinary citi-

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Granthi Samman Yojana',

BJP leaders have been hur-

wal in his post on X. "My ques-

tion to them is will abusing

me benefit the nation? Your

party governs 20 states, in-

you've ruled for 30 years. Why

haven't you honoured pujaris

"Will abusing me benefit

as mere electoral promises.

BJP, however, distanced it-

hai, Kejriwal chor hai".

day was cited as the reason.

is the first time since Maharaja Ranjit Singh that a goyt has thought of granthis."

"Pujaris and granthis are with us through life's joys and sorrows. It is the govt's duty to care for them, which is why

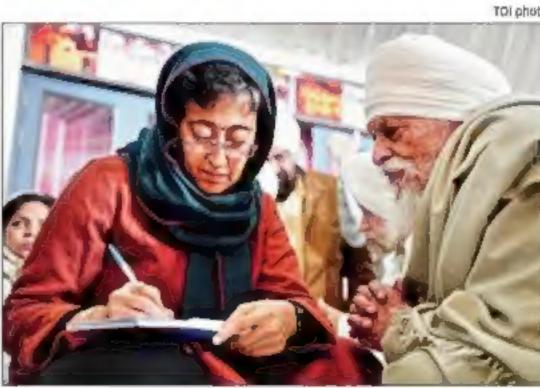
this scheme was launched."

AAP's Delhi convener and cabinet minister Gopal Rai, who visited temple pularis in Vijay Park, said: "This reflects months of deliberation and fulfils long-standing aspirations. AAP's is the first govt to publicly commit to providing a monthly honorarium of 18,000 to all pujaris and granthis,"

BJP has questioned the move. Party MP from South Delhi Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said Kejriwal is often asked that when imams are paid salaries, why have pujaris and granthis been ignored. Kejriwal has announced this scheme only to avoid this question, said the MP. "Just as bogus registrations are being done for Mahila Samman Yojana and Sanjeevani Yojana, registration has been announced for this scheme as well," he said.

BJP's New Delhi MP Bancluding Gujarat, where suri Swaraj said, "Why is Kejriwal making promises? If he truly wants to help priests and granthis, he should immediately hold a cabinet meeting and provide them a benefit of 18,000. After all, it's his government."

"He is making election promises for priests, but the imams, for whom salaries were declared earlier, have not been paid for the past 17 months," she claimed.



Atishi, who went to a gurdwara for registraion, said this was the first time since Maharaja Ranjit Singh that a govt had thought of granthis

BJP cites old videos, calls Kejriwal 'chunavi Hindu', AAP says it's rattled after priest plan Sachdeva said that Delhi's temple Abhinav.Rajput@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: The Delhi BJP on Tuesday released a series of old videos featuring past speeches by former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and other AAP functionaries, accusing them of questioning the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya and having contradictory stands on issues related to Hindus.

Purported clips of AAP leaders Sanjay Singh and Manish Sisodia supporting the Shaheen Bagh protests and making controversial remarks about Hindu deities were also shared. BJP leaders claimed these speeches exposed AAP's "anti-Hindu" stance

Hitting back, AAP claimed, "BJP is rattled because Arvind Kejriwal has announced Rs 18,000 per month honorarium for pujaris and granthis, for which the registration process commenced today."

"Instead of hurling abuses at Kejri-

priests were well aware that BJP was their 'own pious party, always standing by them in times of joy and sorrow'

wal morning and evening, BJP should focus on working for the people and, learning from him, implement similar provisions for pujaris and granthis in their

"A person who questions the existence of Lord Ram can never be a true proponent of Hindu nationalism. He is built on lies, deceit and manipulation," he alleged.

Executive Engineer, Birbhum Division

PW D. Inviting online Tender vide NieT

No.-23 of 2024-25 for the work of:-

Rampurhat Sub-Division office, PWO in

the District of Birbhum under Birbhum

Division, PWD during the year 2024-

2025 " Sid submission start date (online)

30.12.2024 after 5:30 P.M. Bid

Submission and date (online)

03 01 2025 upto 2:00 P.M. Tender ID:

2024_W8PWD_792448_1. Details of

NIET and Tender documents may be

http://wbtender.gov.in 5d/- Executive

Engineer, Birbhum Division, P.W.D. ICA-T24349/3k7024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Executive

Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. on

behalf of Governor, West Bengal vide

Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/NIeT-85/AD/

2024-2025 and Tender ID:

2024_PHED_790304_1 to 3 for

Construction of switch room cum

chloring room including Sanitary

arrangement as per departmental

drawing at the site of Matherdighi W/S

Scheme (Zone-I), Block-Canning-II under

Canning Sub-Divn. Of Alipore Division,

P.H.E. Die Details will be available in the

website: wbtenders.gov.in. The last

date for submission of tender is

17.01.2025 upto 03:00 P.M. Sd/- for

Executive Engineer, Alipore Division,

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Notice Inviting e-Quotation

No.-WBPWD/SS/EE/Bir/e-NIQ-03/

2024-25 2nd Recall

(Tender ID-2024_WBPWD_792615_1)

The Ex. Engr., Birbhum Divn., P.W. (S.5)

Dte. Invites online Tenders from

Bonafide resourceful outsider having

credential in similar nature of work for

Providing Unarmed trained security

guard for guarding round the clock (one

guard at a time) for office premises of

he 1) E.E. Bir. Dn., P.W.SS Dte., A.E.

B.S.D.-I, P.W.SS.Dte., A.E., B.S.D.-II.

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III, P.W.SS Dte. at Bolpur & 3) A.E., R.S.D.

P.W.SS.Dte. at Rempurhat throughout

the year in the district of Birbhum. Bid

submission Closing on 18.01.2025,

02:00 P.M. Further details can be seen

in_website; https://wbtenders.gov.in

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

E-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Executive

Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. on

behalf of Governor, West Bengal vide

Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/NIET-

84/AD/2024-2025 and Tender ID:

2024_PHED_790197_1 to 3 for

Construction of pipe carrying structure

with laying, restoration work,

construction of pump house etc. under

Mega Surface Water Based W/S Scheme

for Falta-Mathurapur, District South 24

Parganas under Alipore Division, P.H.E.

Dte. Details will be available in the

website: wbtenders.gov.in The last date

for submission of tender is 17.01.2025

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal

the Executive Engineer (A-I), Chinsurah

(A-I) Division. Chinsurah, Hooghly invite.

WRDD/EE(AI)HGY/23/24-25 of E.E (A-I)

Chinsurah (A-i) Division tender ID

2024 WRDD 792961 1 to 6 consisting

of different group in e-Tender from the

experienced and bonafide resourceful

agencies for Conversion of Pipeline

under Core-Sector Programme within

Hooghly district. Values of works up to Rs.

21,62,431.00 Last Date of Online

submission: 15.01.2025 up to 11 A.M.

Details may be seen in the website

Executive Engineer (A-I).

Chinsurah (A-I) Division

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Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte.

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P.H.E. Dte.

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Emergent installation of Tube Well at

Sachdeva further called Kejriwal a "chunavi Hindu". "As elections draw closer, Kejriwal suddenly remembers temple priests...But Delhi residents understand

announcement of the "Pujari Granthi Samman Yojana", offering Rs 18,000 monthly honorarium for temple priests and gurdwara granthis if AAP wins the upcoming Delhi Assembly polls.

"Kejriwal repeatedly dishonoured the Hindu community, glorified anti-national elements, and is not only an enemy of Sanatan Dharma but also of the nation's security. Expecting Delhi's pro-

joy and sorrow, and it is the only party that will respect them and their families."

VHP alleges AAP exploiting religious sentiments for votes

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Criticising AAP's promise to provide salaries to priests and granthis in the city. Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Tuesday alleged that the move was a ploy to garner electoral support by exploiting religious sentiments,

"When their promise to provide salaries to imams did not work effectively, they have now set a trap to lure Hindu priests and granthis," VHP spokesperson Vinod Bansal said, He pointed to unfulfilled promises and said benefits assured to religious figures had gone unpaid for the past year and a half, with no clarity on arrears.

Former Delhi chief mini-

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE -NieT is hereby invited by Assistant Engineer, Howrah Sadar Sub-Division P.H.E. Dto vide Ref: No WBPHED/AE/HSSD/NieT-09 Of 2024-25 Memo No- 1346/HSSD, Dt 26/12/2024 Details will be available in the website www.wbtenders.gov.to and wipphed.gov.in Last date of application

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PW(R)D TENDER NOTICE eNIT No. 21 of 2024-25 of EE/BHD I/PW(R)Dte, for 1(One) No. Road Restoration work & 1(One) No. Bunglow Repairing work under Barasat Highway Division No.1, Inviting from bonafide bidders having credential for similar nature of work. Bid submission closing date (online) will be on 20/01/2025 upto 13.00 hrs. Tender id 2024 WBPWD 791952 1/2. Other details may be seen from website https://wbtenders.gov.in # http://wbpwd.gov.in Sd/- EE/BHD-

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ICA-124545(3) 2024

P.W.(Roads)Dte. Tender Notice Executive Engineer, South 24 Parganas Highway Division, P.W.(Roads)Dte. invites online e-NIT No. 09 of 2024-2025 Tender Id :- 2024_SH_791927_ 2024 SH 791927 2024 SH 791927 2024 SH 791927 2024 SH 791927 2024_SH_791927 2024_SH_791927 Bid submission start date 03.01.2025 from 11.00 A.M. Bid submission end date 17.01.2025 up to 11.00 A.M. Details of NIT and tender documents may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in.Sd/ Executive

TENDER NOTICE

and ID 2024 PHED 791823 1 for Providing Vertical turbine pumping machinery along with all auxiliaries to be utilized from previously supplied residual items in newly constructed GLA at Madarpoli to feed to Mathura Bill command area of Habra-Gaighata surface water based Water Supply Scheme In the District of North 24 Parganas. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in the last date for submission of tender is 20/01/2025 up to 14 00 hours, Sd/- for Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle-III, P.H.E. DTE.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE MeT No. 40/80 of 2024-25

Tender ID: 2024 PHED 790211 1 to 7 Tender invited by the undersigned for

Reculive Engineer Medinipur Decision, House Directorate invites poline e-tender for the Ref

WIT No. 08 (\$1.1.2 &3) of 2024-25 of E.E. MED DIVN ND Extinated Amount 3.17.90% 1,55,4221- & 7,59,7431-. Tender N 2024 HSD 792745 1, 2024 HSD 792745 2 2004 HSD 792745 3 Bid submission Start Josing Date (Online): 03/01/0005 & 16/01/2005 regendum if any will be published in website only Sd - Executive Engineer, Medinipu

e-TENDER NOTICE Tender (d No. 2024 PHED 791342 1 to 16 E.E/MMD, P.H.E. Dte invites Niel (Online) Na-16 of 2024-25 tender reference No. WBPHE/EE/MMD/NIeT-16 of 2024-25 Tender ID No.2024 PHED 791342 1 to 16 fo work under M.M.D. P.H.E. Dte. Bid submission end date 14/01/2025 at

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

District Engineer

Jalpaiguri Zille Parishad

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Maintenance of Arboriculture & gerden at Community Center - I & il Building, Action Area - IC & IIC, New Yown, Kolkata under NKDA. Estimated Amount:

Maintenance of Arboriculture & garden at AC Block, beside Street No. 37 at Action Area -1, New Town, Kolkata, (for two year). Estimated Amount: Rate to be quoted. Last date & time of submission of technical and financial bid (On-line) with corrigendum; 08.01.2025 upto 11.00 A.M. Details available on Websile: https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.nkdamar.org and the office notice

> (Roads & Building) **New Town Kolkata Development Authority**

e-Tender has been invited for the following work:

Maintenance of Arboriculture & garden for inside & outside of NKDA Administrative Building campus at Plot No. DG/13, Action Area - I, New Town, Kolkata, (period for 02 year). Estimated Amount: to be quoted.

Maintenance of Arboriculture & gardens in & outside of New Town Business club campus, green verge including car parking lot at Action Area - I, New Town, Kolketa. Estimated Amount: Rate to be quoted. Last date & time of submission of technical and financial bid (On-line) with corrigendum: 08.01.2025 upto 11.00 A.M. Details available on Website: https://wbtenders.gov.in &

ABRIDGED

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER NO: 56/EE-I/NKDA/2024-25 e-Tender has been invited for the following work: Resurfacing of Bituminous road with SDBC & Bituminous macadam

including certain other connected Work on Street No. 41, 64, 68, 69, 276 (one part), 299 (Atorotola signal to 10 no. tank) in Action Area- I, New Town, Kolkata. Estimated Amount: Rs. 57,47,243.00 Last date & time of submission of technical and financial bid (On-line) alongwith compendum: 22.01.2025 upto 1.00 P.M. Details available on Website: https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.nkdamar.org and the office notice board of NKDA. Executive Engineer

> (Roads & Building) **New Town Kolkata Development Authority**

> > ICA- T24332(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Fire breaks out at heater factory, four injured

injured in an LPG cylinder blast at a heater factory in northeast Delhi's Johrlpur on Tuesday. The factory, which lacked a fire NOC, was the scene of chaos as the blast occurred at 3:36 pm, prompting a swift response from the fire department. Four fire tenders, equipped with 24 firefighters, rushed to the spot in Jagdamba Colony, Johripur, and t brought the fire under control by 4:15 pm. The injured individuals were transported to GTB hospital for medical attention. According to fire explosion, which spread rapidly. A few days ago, a at a factory in A Delhi Fire Services official

TENDER NOTICE

Following E - tenders have been invited by the concerned TIA under the

fiscasiei menti Districti	E Tender Ref No.	Tender ID	Name of Work/Scheme
Assistant Director of	WBDOF/ADF/Pur Medi/NIeT- 22/2024-2S	2024_DOF_789401_1	Supply of Training Kits in Purba Medinipur district
Fisheries, Purba Medinipur	WBDOF/ADF/Pur Medi/NIeT- 23/2024-25	2024_DOF_789484_1	Arrangement of Refreshment for training programme in Purba Medinipur district

Fisheries West Bengal

SOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE E-Tenderets are invited by the Executive Engineer, Alipurduar Division, P.H.E. Die from the reputed, bonafide, financially Sound & experienced agency/firm for the work of "WORKS RELATED TO PWSS" against following Nie? No. 31/ALD/2024-25, Last Date of Submission for tender 14/01/2025 upto 02:00 p.m. Details may be viewed in the http://www.wbphed.gov.in.website. ICA-124365(4) 2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer Midnapore Division, P.H.E. Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No PHE/MID/eNIT_14/2024-2025 and ID 2024_PHED_791551_1 to 7 for Sinking of T/W Construction of boundary wall, pump house Laying distribution & cising main pipeline etc. different PWSS under Midnapore Division, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website www.wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 17.01.2025 upto 18:00 Hours, 5d/- for Executive Engineer, Midnapore Division, P.H.E. ICA- T24372(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE

is invited by The Executive Engineer, Mechanical Electrical Division Berhampore P.H.E. Die vide Rel. No. WBPHED/EE/MEDB/NIeQ-35 OF 2024 25 and Tender ID 2024 PHED 789457 1 to 19 for Electro-Mechanical Works for Jal Jivan Mission in different W/S. Scheme Last date for Submission of Technical and Financia Bid (online): 22.01.2025 upto 3.00 P.M. Dated of Opening technical proposal (online): 24.01.2025 after 3:00 P.M. NB: All others of the above NieQ will remain unchanged. All details can be seen from the wellstine: http://whitemeders.pizzin & WWW whitefast movies ack, transferrenceza

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL **e-TENDER NOTICE**

The Director, IPGME&R SSKM Hospital Kolkate-700020 having its office at 244. A.J.C Bose Road, Kolkata-700020 is inviting e-tender for purchase certain equipments for Neonatology and Neurosurgery departments, SSKM hospital. Tender ID: 2024_HFW_791741_1 2024_HFW_792447_1. For details log on to www.wbtenders.gov.in

Director GMER-SSKMH Kolkata-20

MSVP IPGMER-SSKMH Kolkata-20 ICA- T24336(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE TENDER ID-2024_PHED_791232_1 to 4 (JIM Work)

Electronic Notice Inviting Tender No._22/WBPHED/EE/BD-I/2024-25. Last date of Documents download/sell closing date (Online) Is on 15.01.2025 opto D1:00 P.M. Date of opening of technical Proposals (Online) on 17.01.2025 at 01:30 P.M. Further details will be available in our website: www.wbtenders.gov.in 5d/- Executive Engineer, Berhampore Division-I, P.H.E. ICA-T24370(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL **e-TENDER NOTICE** e-Tender is invited by the Executive

Engineer, Hooghly Division, P.H.E. Dte. for NieT No-WBPHE/EE/19/HUG/2024-25 related to miscellaneous works at various PWSS under Hooghly Division P.H.E. Dte. Bid submission Closing Date 16.01.2025 up to 03:00 p.m. & Opening Date 18.01.2025 up to 03:00 p.m. For Details, corrigendum/addendum, participating in the tender logon to: www.wbtenders.gov.in 5d/- Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-T24369(3)/2024

Both AAP and BJP will be

"All those seats where the

20 states where it governs," it stated.

After playing the videos at a press briefing, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said that these "exposed Kejriwal's opportunistic stance on religion, revealing his fake attempts to glorify Hinduism during elections".

that Kejriwal represents lies," he said. Sachdeva was referring to Kejriwal's

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sperity under him is futile." Sachdeva said Delhi's temple priests were aware that BJP was their "own pious party, always standing by them in times of

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e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Nadia Arsenic Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. WBPHE/13/NADof 24-25, ID-2024 PHED 791494 1 to 9 for Works under Nadia Arsenic Division-, P.H.E. Dte. Kalyani, Nadia, Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in The last date for online submission of tender Is 13.01.2025 at 12.00 P.M. Sd/- Executive

ICA-124374[3]/2024 GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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West Bengal, Ref. e-NIT-16 of 2024-25 of

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited by the Executive

Engineer, South 24-Pas. W/S Division-I

P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref. No. 39/2024-

2025/EE/SWD-I/WBPHED and ID

2024 PHED 791210 1 to 6 for Sinking

of Rig bared deep Tubewell, Laying of

additional pipeline for parallel

connections from main pipeline and

Construction of Boundary wall etc. In

different blocks under SWO-L P.H.E. Dte

Details will be available in the website

http://wbtenders.gov.in The last date

for submission of tender is 15/01/2025

upto 3:00 P.M. 5d/- for Executive

Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I,

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PWD TENDER NOTICE Executive Engineer, PWD, Aliporduar Division invites online e-tender for the work of - Kumargram-Joral Road from ch. 23.10 km to 23.30 km repairing by paver block under Alipurduar Division. PWD in the district of Alipurduar during the year 2024-25, Tender ID 2024 WBPWD 792425 1 Estimated Amount 40,09,236.00, NIET no. 22 of 2024-25 of EE/PWD/APDD. Bid submission start date (online) 03.01.2025 from 02.00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online) 17.01.2025 up to 04.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIET & Tender documents may be downloaded from http://whtender.gov.in Sd/- EE, PWO.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Alipurduar Division. ICA 124352(4) 2024

EE, PWD, Hooghly Construction Division rwites online e - Tender for the work of 1. Patch Repairing work at Kotulpur Arambagh Road from ch. 42.00 kmp to ch.54.00 kmp (excluding 2 nos fligid Pavement Stretches) in different stretches under Hooghly Construction Sub-Division-I, Arambagh under Hooghly Construction Division, PW D. during the year 2024-2025. Estimated Amount: 3711772.00, Tender ID: 2024 PWD_792410_1, NIET No. WBPWD/EE/HCD/NITe-26 of 2024-2025 Bid submission start date (online) 31 12 2024 from 11 00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 20.01.2025 up to 2:00 P.M. Corrigendum If any will be published in website only. Details of NIQ/NIT and other documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in 5d/- 5. Roy Pratihar, Executive Engineer, PWD. Hooghly Construction Division, Chawkbazar, Hooghly ICA. 124350(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL WRI&DD e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-I) Krishnagar - I (A-I) Division. WRDD invites e-tender for following Works, Repairing & Re-Winding of Submersible Electro Motor Pump Set and maintenance of pump house spoul chamber with pipe line etc. under Krishnagar-I (A-I) Division within the jurisdiction of Krishnagar (A-I) Circle. Vide e-NIT no.-13 & 14 / 2024-2025 of the Executive Engineer (A-I). Krishnagar - I (A-I) Division, Krishnagar Nadia, Tender ID. 2024 WRDD 792732 1 to 4 & 2024 WROD 792761 1 to 2. Total estimated amount put to tender to Rs. 10.9244 lakh approx. Last dropping date 10.01.2025 up to 15.00 & 14.00 hour. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http://wotenders.gov.infordetails Sd/- T.N. ROY Executive Engineer (A-I)

Krishnagar-I(A-I) Division Krishnagar ICA-T24388 3 / 2024

*-TENDER NOTICE NIeT-24 of 2024-25 EE/NMD-II Ref. Tender ID: 2024_PHED_792794_1 Sealed NieT in WBF NO 2911 are invited by EE/NMD-II, PHE Dte, for Deployment of external technical assistance agency or F5SA) Renewal. The detail of work will be available at websit www.wbtenders.gov.in and www.wbphed.gov.in The last date of closing of tender on 13.01.2025 up to 2.00 P.M. 50/- EE/NIMD-II, PHE Dte ICA- T24391(4)/2024

-TENDER NOTICE

Engineer, Nadia Arsenic Division-I, P.H. E.

ICA- T24375(3)/2024 SOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRISDO, e-NIT Executive Engineer (A-M) Burdwan (A-M) Division. WHOD invites e-tender for following work "Installation of SASTHITALA New Major Handed Over RLI Scheme at Kanksa block Mouza-Kuldiha under Durgapur (A-E) Sub-Division, under Core-Sector Programme under E.E. (A-M) Burdwan (A-M) Division', vide e-NIT No. 19/WRDD/EE/AM)/BURDWAN(AM)OI VN of 202425 and Tender ID-2024 WRDD 792602 1. Tendered value of Rs 72.47325 Lakh and Installation of RUPGANJ New Mid-Handed Over RLI Scheme at Kanksa block under Durgepur (A-E) Sub-Division of Paschim Bardhaman District under Core-Sector prog under E.E. (A-M) Burdwan (A-M) Division, vide e-NIT No. 18 WROD EE (AM / BURDWAN AM) DIVN of 202425 and Tender ID 2024_WRD0_792546_1. Tendered value of Rs. 43.97945 Lakh. Bid Submission End Date: 20.01.2025 at 15.00 Hrs Respectively, Comgendum any will be published in website only etails of N.LT and Tender document nay be downloaded to visit the website ittps://wbtenders.gov.in.for.details

> Executive Engineer (A-M) Burdwan (A-M) Division ICA- 124337(3)/2024

PLOT NO. CH-8, SEC-V, SALT LAKE CITY, KOLKATA - 700091. TENDER NOTICE Tender Ref. No : WBPHED/SE/EC/ NIeT-58/2024-25 Tender ID: 2024_PHED_789326_1, 2024 PHED 789326 2 &

2024_PHED_789326_3

e-Tenders in W8F 2911 are invited for

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

EASTERN CIRCLE, PHE DTE, NUALAY,

the work- \$L-1: Laying of distribution system including providing FHTC at left out households for Mobarakpur (Mouza-Balarampur, Bhatpara, Haripur, Mobarakpur) W/s Scheme at Tehatta-1 block. SL-2: Laying of distribution system including providing FHTC at left out households for Bahadurpur, Khaspu, Dhopahat and Rajapur W/s Scheme and restoration of the damaged portion of roads. SL-3: Augmentation of Khanjipur (rest) water supply scheme with respective manifold arrangements with reconnection as well as adjoining mouzas (if applicable) under Tehatta-I Block in Nadia District under Nadia Arsenic Civil Division-II, P.H.E. Dte. (5) No. 1 to 3) & Corngendum Uploaded. Bid Submission Closing Date (Online): 24.01.2025 at 02:00 p.m. Further details are available in the website: http://wbtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-124377(3) 2024

is 10/01/2025 Sd/- for Assistant Engineer, Howrah Sadar Sub-Division ICA- 124373(3) 2024

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Engineer, South 24 Parganas Highway Division, P.W. (Roads) Directorate ICA- 124346(3) 2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle-III, P.H.E. Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Reference No. 09/SEMCIII/WBPHED OF 2024-2025

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Vide Memo No.3665/BD dt.24.12.2024 Tender ref. no. 3665_BD_MeT_40_of_2024_25

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New Delhi: Four people were

officials, the blast was triggered by a mini LPG cylinder ignited a fire that major fire broke out Nangli Sakrawati, Najafgarh, leaving six workers injured. said that over 100 firefighters were sent to the spot to douse the blaze, which caused significant damage to the factory. In

the same month, a 27-year-old man died after a deadly fire broke out at a factory in North Delhi's Burari, The factory, registered as an event management company, was illegally operating as a production unit

for "cold pyro"-wedding fireworks. It lacked the necessary permits and safety clearances, TNN

'Bangladesh Cells' Back To Don't demolish religious structures, **Tackle Illegal Immigration**

Was Defunct For Over A Decade, 50 People Deported In 2024

Rajshekhar Jha & Abhay | TNN

New Delhi: Two decades ago, police brass had initiated a hunt for cops who knew how to speak Bengali. These policemen were then placed in a cell that was to mingle with residents of particular localities and gather intelligence about illegal Bangladeshi immigrants. The recent drive against illegal immigrants has led Delhi Police to revive "Bangladesh Cells", which have been defunct over the last decade or more.

Established by a former police commissioner in the early 2000s, these cells were constituted in every police district of Delhi with the primary objective of identifying and tracking down Bangladeshi nationals residing illegally in Delhi. At the time, thousands of such immigrants were traced and deported by the cops of these cells through the Foreign Regional Registration Office.

Years later, the exercise has recommenced with many districts forming similar teams informally called "Foreigner Deportation Cells". A few districts have just revived the old unit, sources said.

"These cells typically consist of 5-10 police personnel, preferably those who can speak Bangla, and are led by either an inspector or a sub-inspector. The help of Assamese-Bengali cops is being solicited," explained a senior cop.

"There are some notable differences in pronunciation, vocabulary and expressions. The Bengali spoken in Bangladesh has a distinct accent and phonetic variations. Additionally, idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms vary. The challenge is to identify these, and cops who even have basic knowledge of the language have an edge," the officer added.

Police sources said that they visit slums, labour camps and unauthorised co-

5-10 COPS IN EACH CELL

Delhi Police has revived old cells, initially established by former police commissioner Ajay Raj Sharma, to track down illegal Bangladeshi immigrants

Cell Composition

Each cell comprises 5-10 police

personnel, with a preference

Bengali. The teams are led by

an inspector or sub-inspector

lonies where illegal migrants are likely to be present. The

exercise, which starts in the

morning, goes on till late eve-

allocation in these cells varies

In some districts, the cell has

only two policemen, while

others have more than 10 cops.

A few districts have roped in

policemen from units like anti-

auto theft squads besides un-

der-punishment cops from the

police lines. "All resources are

being judiciously utilised," sa-

tain and repatriate individu-

The focus is to identify, de-

id a senior officer.

for officers who can speak

Objective

To identify, detain, and repatriate individuals residing in India without valid documentation

Registration Office (FRRO)

Sensitise local informants Collect human intelligence

Gather inputs, forward

them to Foreigners Regional

Identify routes used by

Couldingston

Strategies

The cells work closely with

illegal migrants

- Immigration authorities Z Local government agencies
- Intelligence services

Community members

Daily Operations

Visit slums, labour camps, and unauthorised colonies to identify illegal migrants

Manpower Allocation The number of personnel varies by district, ranging from just two officers to

from the unit are sensitising local informants and collecting human intelligence. The

dian documents. The cops

Surveillance Techniques

Deploy CCTV cameras in areas

of illegal migrants, including

neighborhoods, markets, and

construction sites

known for high concentrations

ning. "The language helps us cell members also work on understand what the person identifying the routes used by the illegal migrants to cobeing verified is saying. It aids in establishing commume to India. nication and also ensures "The members deploy a that no wrong person is derange of strategies to trace and ported," they added. Currently, the manpower

TIMES Special investigate illegal migrants. These efforts are often conducted in collaboration with immigration authorities, local govt agencies and intelligence

"Local police officers are also roped in and directed to work with community members to spot individuals who might be staying without legal documentation," the offi-

services," said the officer.

cer further explained.

teams of over ten

the hurdles these teams are facing. A major obstacle, they said, was that the illegal immigrants often destroyed their documents after entering the country, "Unlike other foreign nationals who arrive by flight and may still have their flight records, Bangladeshi through porous borders, making it challenging to determine their identities and dates of entry," said an officer,

The teams' success ultimately depends on the response and support of their counterparts in areas like Cooch Behar, Malda, and other areas in West Bengal, which is often cited as the address by these immigrants. These teams deported around 50 "Bangladeshi

als residing without valid Innationals" in 2024. Deportation dagger ends Delhi life for 3 Bangla migrants after ID drive

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New Delhi: The streets of south Delhi were his playground for years, where he operated with impunity, trafficking drugs and living a life of deception. But little did

Akhtar Sheikh know, fate had other plans. Sheikh's journey to India began in 2004 when he crossed the border illegally. He eventually made his way to West Bengal, where he married a Hindu girl in 2012 and began building a new life. The Bangladeshi national, whose identity was not known to many, managed to blend in seamlessly with the local population.

He eventually found himself working as a labourer at a construction site in Sarojini Nagar in Delhi while peddling drugs on the side for a quick buck.

But his luck ran out on Nov 28 when he

was arrested on drug charges. He managed to secure bail, convincing the authorities that he was a resident of West Bengal, said DCP (southwest) Surendra Chaudhary.

However, the recent verification drive by Delhi Police proved to be his undoing. As the police went door-to-door, verifying the documents of residents, his cover was blown. His identity as a Bangladeshi national was revealed, and he was taken into custody on Dec 30. The police handed him over to the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) to be deported back to Bangladesh.

Another such story is that of Naim Khan and his mother Nazma, a Bangladeshi mother-son duo who were deported after they were found living in Delhi without valid documents.

Nazma's journey to India began 20 ye-

ars ago when she arrived in India as a young woman, seeking a better life for herself and her family. She found work as a domestic help in Katwaria Sarai.

According to DCP Surendra Chaudhary, Nazma crossed over in 2005, and her son was all of 3 at the time. When the pandemic broke out in 2020, her son, Naim, was 18. He decided to come to India too. Nazma had already built a life for herself in Delhi and agreed to Naim joining her. The thought of seeing her son

after so many years was overwhelming. Once here, Naimeven found work as a labourer, and they were able to send some money back to their family in Bangladesh. However, their secret life was eventually discovered during a verification drive conducted by the Southwest district police. They were detained and deported to Bangladesh.

I love Delhi! Revamp step for Pusa Rd roundabout



The sign was put up as part of a tourism promotion event at certain locations with high footfall

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Public Works Department (PWD) is planning to start beautification of the traffic island at the Pusa Road roundabout in Karol Bagh that carries a big 'I Love Delhi' sign.

The sign was put up as part of a tourism promotion event at certain locations with high footfall where people would like to take selfies.

This spot, however, turned into a homeless shelter, and the sign was partially damaged. PWD's plan is to dismantle the damaged tiles and kerb stones and lay fresh concrete and red sandstone tiles. ting a flyover or an underpass officials said.

The Chaudhary Brahm Prakash Chowk, named after the first chief minister of Delhi, also known as the Pusa Road roundabout junction, is linked to Shankar Road, Pusa Road, KS Krishna Marg, Main Patel Nagar Road, and Dev Prakash Shastri Marg. Hence, the island sees heavy traffic.

Pusa Road has a number of commercial establishments and residential areas and is highly congested. It has three metro stations; Jhandewalan, Karol Bagh and Rajendra Place. Last year, PWD had planned to decongest the spot. A feasibility test is being done to know the impact of construc-

near the roundabout so that the vehicle load is reduced.

Delhi govt is also working in a phased manner to strengthen the five roads. Given that these roads were made long ago, they need maintenance.

PWD will also carry out maintenance of pavements, central verges and service lanes of the entire road stretch. Lane marking, whitewashing of parapet walls, painting of kerb stones and railings will be done by govt. Horticulture work will be done to spruce up the road. With the aim to eliminate any dark spots on the road, any streetlights that are not functioning will be fixed,

Complaint filed against 7 for forging papers to get voter ID

New Delhi: Delhi's poll body filed a police complaint against seven people for allegedly forging identification documents to obtain voter ID card ahead of the assembly elections in Feb.

The office of Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) on Tuesday said it had requested lodging of FIRs against two individuals in Bindapur of southwest district and four others in Dwarka. Another an FIR was registered against one person in Narela zone, according to the poll body.

The complaint said, "Certain applicants have submitted online applications for voter registration using fraudulent means, including uploading tampered documents as part of their applications for new voter registration."

It further alleged that the applicants attempted to deceive authorities by providing falsified documents, particularly tampered Aadhaar cards, as proof of residence.

"This constitutes a serious offence as the applicants intentionally provided false information and documents to manipulate the electoral roll. Such activities are prohibited under the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and other relevant laws, which stipulate penalties for those fo-

und guilty" the complaint said. The electoral body emphasised the need for prompt action to probe these cases and prevent further fraudulent activities, en

says Atishi; LG's office, BJP hit back

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Referring to decisions taken by the religious committee of Delhi govt in a meeting in Nov, chief minister Atishi has written a letter to lieutenant governor VK Saxena and urged him to stop the demolition of places of worship in the capital.

In the letter, Atishi stated that the religious committee ordered the demolition of numerous religious structures all across Delhi in a meeting held on Nov 22. The LG's secretariat, ho-

wever, said that no file to demolish a religious structure reached it, "CM is playing cheap politics to divert attention from her own and her predecessor's failures," it stated. Mentioning the addresses

of six such structures, which she claimed were among those approved by the religious committee for shifting or demolition, Atishi said that until last year the decisions taken by the panel were sent for



LG Vinai Kumar Saxena

the LG's approval via CM and minister (home), Delhi.

"As elected representatives, who are constantly in touch with the people of Delhi, we will ensure that no religious sentiments are hurt. However, in an order issued last vear, your office stated that the demolition of religious structures is a matter related to 'public order' and does not fall under the purview of the elected govt and will be directly under the purview of LG. Since then, the work of the religious committee has been directly monitored by you," Atishi stated in her letter.

CM'S LETTER SAYS As elected representatives, who are constantly in touch with the people of Delhi, we will ensure that no religious sentiments are hurt

"Demolition of

structures will hurt the reli-

gious sentiments of these

communities. On behalf of

the people of Delhi, I would

like to request you not to de-

molish any of these temples

and places of worship in the

wever, stated that neither

any temple, mosque, church,

nor any place of worship was

being broken/demolished,

nor any file to this effect

had been received by it. "LG

has issued strict instructions

to the police to maintain

vigilance against

The LG's secretariat, ho-

enclosed list," she added.

mas celebrations, which did not see any untoward incident," it added. BJP also slammed CM over the letter to LG.

these

Delhi BJP president VIrendra Sachdeva accused Atishi of disturbing communal harmony by making such statements. He claimed the religious committee was chaired by Delhi govt's home minister who reported to both

CM and LG. "Atishi should

clarify whether the home de-

partment under her govt has

forces who may indulge in

deliberate vandalism for poli-

tical benefits. His instruc-

tions are being strictly follo-

wed, as was witnessed during

the just-concluded Christ-

made any such recommendation," he said. Sachdeva further stated that AAP had questioned the Citizenship Amendment Act ahead of the 2020 assembly polls, "which subsequently led to riots in the city", "Atishi should immediately withdraw

her statement," he added.

Dikshit says Kejriwal misleading people on governance, AAP retorts

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Cops also elaborated on New Delhi: Sandeep Dikshit. a former Congress East Delhi MP and the party's candidate from New Delhi in the coming assembly polls, criticised AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday for misleading the people on governance and called him a "pathological liar".

Dikshit alleged that nationals typically enter AAP's claims of improving education, healthcare, water, transport and road infrastructure were all misleading and they only improved "marginally" after the work done by earlier Congress goyts between 1998 and 2013.

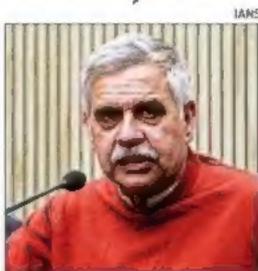
> He also said that he was going to file a criminal and civil defamation case against CM Atishi and AAP MP Sanjay Singh for alleging that he had received money from BJP.

"A few days ago, the CM said that we are taking money from the BJP. After this press conference, I will file a criminal and civil defamation case against (CM) Atishi and San-

jay Singh, I will ask for Rs 10 crore and out of that money, I will donate Rs 5 crore to Yamuna cleaning and the remaining half will be donated to clean the polluted air in Delhi," he said.

AAP claimed that Dikshit was peddling BJP's narrative. "That is why he turned a blind eye to former saffron party MP Parvesh Verma openly distributing black money in a cashfor-votes row. He has joined the visionless BJP in hurling abuses at Arvind Kejriwal from morning to evening," AAP said in a statement. In his press conference,

Dikshit addressed various claims made by AAP govt on development work that it had done and alleged that the elected dispensation had misled people by "lying". Giving examples of a few flyovers constructed in the last decade, the Congress functionary claimed that it was the Sheila Dikshit govt which actually saved money on the construction of those infrastructure



Sandeep Dikshit

projects. He added that AAP dispensation added construction of ramps to the flyovers and small bridges over drains to increase the number of infrastructure projects undertaken by them.

"Iam sorry that I am using a very strong word for the former chief minister, but he is a pathological liar," Dikshit said.

The former MP claimed that AAP discontinued dispensaries run by previous govts to replace them with mohalla clinics and the enrolment in state-run schools increased only marginally in

the last 10 years.

"When Sheila Dikshit's govt lost in Delhi, there were 16.4 lakh students in state-run schools. Today, there are 17-18 lakh children. If enrolment increased at the pace of the Congress govt, there should have been 22-23 lakh children, which means there are four to five lakh students less in our govt schools," Sandeep Dikshit claimed, "In education, they claimed that they have done revolutionary work in the 12th pass percentage. But the actual revolutionary work was done by the Congress govt," he said.

Dikshit also alleged that the collection of taxes from businesses was less in comparison to other states despite Delhi being a traders' city, and added that the growth of gross state domestic product was also not up to the mark.

He also attacked AAP govt on the supply of potable water, sewage treatment, air pollution, and pollution in the Yamuna.



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'Arrest In Violation Of British India's Raisina Bengali School turns 100 Law': Man Gets Relief

Joined Probe Within 24 Hrs Of Notice: Court

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: While granting bail to a man accused in a road rage case, a Delhi court recently said that his custody or arrest was made in clear violation of the mandate of the law.

The court of vacation judge Neeraj Sharma, in the order dated Dec 27, said that after being given a notice by police on Dec 7, the accused joined the investigation the same day, and according to law, he could not be arrested without a specific reason recorded by the investigating officer (IO).

"On being inquired by this court about the reasons for arresting the applicant or accused despite his having joined the investigation in compliance with the notice, the IO produced the police file for the perusal of this court,

New Delhi: Deprecating the

practice of blaming lawyers

alone for delays by litigants

in approaching courts for le-

gal remedies, Delhi High Co-

urt has said that litigants too

have a duty to pursue their ca-

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approaching the court. It is

easy, in such circumstances,

to file a complaint before the

Bar Council and seek to ex-

plain away the delay. We de-

precate this. A litigant does

not abandon all responsibili-

ty to keep track of a matter,

once it is entrusted to a coun-

ced by the litigant's claims

that his lawyer's alleged neg-

The court was not convin-

sel," the bench said.

"We emphatically disapp-

led after a six-year delay.

The division bench of Jus-

ses diligently.

HC: Lawyers alone not

to blame for case delay

ground for delay.

high court.

COURT SAYS

The court is of the opinion that once the accused has complied with the said notice, the grave nature of the injury cannot subsequently be a ground for arresting the accused

wherein, in the arrest memo, typed reasons were ticked mechanically for arresting the accused without elaborating upon the grounds for invoking those typed reasons," said the court.

The court was hearing the bail application of the accused, Tarun, against whom the Wazirabad police station registered a case.

Noting that once an accu-

The litigant sought to ex-

The case pertained to the

plain the delay by saying that

his lawyer was negligent in

pursuing the case. The court

eligibility of a litigant to join

a govt post of the petitioner.

His plea in 2016 was initially

dismissed in 2018 by a tribu-

nal, after which he claimed

that he engaged a lawyer in

Delhi to file a challenge in the

he interacted with the lawyer

several times over the phone

and that the lawyer gave him

false information about the

urt that he was unable to per-

sonally attend to the case

owing to financial hardship.

He said that he came to know

only in Aug 2024 that his case

had not been never filed befo-

re the high court. He has said

that he has lodged a compla-

int against the lawyer with

the district bar association.

The petitioner told the co-

progress of the case.

The petitioner stated that

rejected this explanation.

sed was served with a notice under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita provisions, there was a presumption that arrest was not required, the court said, "In the present case, as the opinion regarding the grave nature of the alleged injury was very much available with the IO before issuing the notice, this court is of the opinion that once the accused has complied with the said notice, the grave nature of the injury cannot subsequently be a ground for arresting the accused."

The court further added, "The court is of the opinion that the custody of the accused/applicant is a clear violation of the mandate of the law and accordingly, the accused is admitted to bail on furnishing a bail bond in the sum of Rs. 20,000 with one surety in the like amount."

BTech graduate, kingpin of arms racket, arrested

Times News Network ligence in this case was the New Delhi: A 35-year-old BTech graduate, Aviral Sharma, working in a multinational company in Noida, was arrested for being the kingpin of an interstate illegal arms and ammunition supply racket. The special cell of Delhi Police also arrested two of his accomplices, Rajesh Choube and Jitender Singh.

Police recovered five semiautomatic pistols, 275 live cartridges, mobile phones, and SIM cards from the possession of the accused. The illegal arms were manufactured in Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh, and were being delivered to Delhi.

According to the police, Choube, a 46-year-old resident of Narmadapuram, Madhya Pradesh, was the first to be arrested on Nov 28. He was caught with five semi-automatic pistols and 200 live cartridges near Rohini sector-18 metro station.

Choube revealed that he procured the illegal arms from a local supplier in Madhya Pradesh and live cartridges from Aviral Sharma.

Sharma was arrested on Nov 30 and 50 live cartridges were recovered from his possession. He disclosed that he also supplied ammunition to Singh, a 42-yearold resident of Dholpur, Rajasthan. TNN

Shubhra Kumar

Omesh & Bani Pershad

Vageesha, Nikhil Bakshi & Family

New Delhi: Over a century ago, the shift of the British India capital from Calcutta to Delhi brought a wave of govt officials and their families to the newly designated capital. Recognising the growing need for quality education within this expanding community, Raisina Bengali School was established on Jan 2, 1925.

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Originally envisioned as a middle school, it began with just 57 students and one teacher in a temporary space at the Willingdon Hospital, now known as Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

As a govt-aided institution, the school was founded with a simple yet profound vision: to provide a centre of learning for the growing Bengali population in Delhi. In its early days, Raisina Bengali School was more than just an educational institution. The school's establishment coincided with the rise of New Delhi, built upon the remains of a quiet, abandoned village called Raisina.

transformation. from rural quietude to bustling capital, mirrored the school's own growth -- a symbol of cultural endurance in a rapidly changing world. It also emerged as a symbol of heritage, linking the rich traditions of Bengal, some 1,500km away, with the modern aspirations of a diverse city. This year, the school will celebrate its 100th year with a series of events and competitions.

At present, 1,100 students study in the school, which has another branch in CR Park with 1,200 students. 'I was as**LEGACY CONTINUES**







The science block was constructed in 1971

sociated with this school since 1996," said Chandrima Basak, the principal. "In the early years, the school primarily catered to the children of govt officials. However, over the past 15 years, there was a noticeable shift in the socioeconomic background of the students. Today most of our students are children of craftsmen and goldsmiths, primarily from

Regarpura in Karol Bagh." She said that "the admission criteria have remained unchanged. We are the only school in Delhi where it is mandatory for at least one parent to be Bengali, and all students must study Bengali up to Class VIII. For those who wish to continue, Bengali remains a subject choice till Class XII."

ad to its 100th anniversary celebrations. "Our alumni from across the world will join us for the celebration event, which will span three days," said Chitra Maji, the school's

tened its shine, the school's

rich historical legacy remains

as lively as ever as it looks ahe-

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secretary-manager. event will feature cultural programmes, exhibitions, stalls and a variety of competitions, including painting, music and storytelling. We are prepared for the festivities and have held several interschool competitions, including a football tournament, which saw participation from many schools."

As the years unfolded, Raisina Bengali School grew in both stature and influence. Each phase of the school's journey brought new challenges, but also new achievements. The outstanding achievements of its alumni span bureaucracy, diplomacy, banking, corporate leadership, and more.

"This school holds a special place in my heart, not only because I studied here, but because my father, uncles, and brothers also walked these corridors," shared Sushanta Basu, a 1971 alumnus. "I hoped the legacy of this institution would continue, as the school once produced exceptional results, though over the years, these have declined. One major reason for this shift is the growing preference for

private schools. We had an unforgettable experience here, and I sincerely hope that current students also cherish their time in this school. I fondly remember the science block, where we spent so many hours. It would be wonderful to see that recreated for future generations," Basu went on to serve as an additional director of health services in Municipal Corporation of Delhi, retiring in 2015.

Notable alumni include Deepak Chatterjee, former Indian ambassador to Belgium, Ardhendu Sen, former chief secretary of West Bengal, Bijoy Chatterjee, former secretary to the Government of India, and renowned parasitologist Alok Bhattacharya.

Other distinguished graduates include Pratip Chaudhurl, former chairman of the State Bank of India, the late Abani Roy, former Member of Parliament, and Utpal Banerjee, a professor at the University of California's Department of Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology, who was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Physics and has a lab named in his honour at St Stephen's College.

The school has also produced many exceptional athletes, including footballers Anadi Barua and Arup Nandi, as well as athletes like Sumit Mukherjee, Soibal Roy, Arun Barua, Amitabha Roy, and table tennis player Prasun Chaudhury They have excelled in sports at various levels. The alumni of Raisina Bengali School have made remarkable contributions across various fields, leaving a lasting impact both nationally and internationally.

DJB plans sewage system audit with IIT Delhi or DTU

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New Delhi: Delhi Jal Board is planning to involve a technical institute such as IIT Delhi or Delhi Technical University (DTU) to get a detailed audit done of the functioning of all

its sewage treatment plants. The institute will also study DJB's 10,000km sewerage underground lines, which are old and prone to damage.

"We are planning to bring in a technical institute such as IIT Delhi or DTU to get the study done of the functioning of DJB's STPs and the network. Discussions are on, and soon we will finalise the agreements and start the study," a senior DJB official said.

DJB was established under the Delhi Water Board Act, 1998, to discharge the functions of water supply, se-

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live by your teaching, "By elevating the lives

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"And come he slow or

come he fast, It is but

Death who comes at last.

- Sir Walber Scot

werage, sewage disposal and drainage within the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Though the years have sof-

However, there are pipelines in the network which predate independence. This aging network is the reason for increasing complaints of sewer overflow, drains getting choked, breakage and leakage of sewer into drinking water. In addition to this is the growing population of the city, which is putting a burden

on the sewerage system. Often, DJB is pulled up by courts and the environmental watchdog, Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), In Nov, according to the report by DPCC for Oct, 19 of the 37 sewage treatment plants in the city have not met standards.

The report, dated Nov 5, said that DJB's STPs were not adhering to norms, mostly concerningfaecal coliform, which

NEED FOR CHECK

Sewage Treatment Infrastructure in Delhi 10,703 km Length of sewage STPs (Sewage Treatment Plants) network lines

Estimated sewage generation: 792 MGD

capacity of 37 treated operational STPs 610 MGD

REASONS BEHIND STUDY Rising complaints of sewer Many STPs fail to meet

Actual sewage

is the presence of raw sewage and excreta in the water. Many STPs also failed to

Installed treatment

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treatment standards

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"While the third-party audit of our treatment standards is done by DPCC and largely the norms are being followed, we are still planning to carry out this study to get a broader understanding of the issues that might create a problem in the future, and we need to take steps now," DJB said.

In March 2023, then water minister Atishi held a special assembly session to address the issues of pending complaints related to water shortage, leaks and sewage.

On March 9, a resolution was presented in the assembly regarding the growing problems of sewage and water, and former chief secretary Naresh Kumar was instructed to resolve the complaints Later, a team of 11 senior IAS officers was formed to resolve complaints on the ground.

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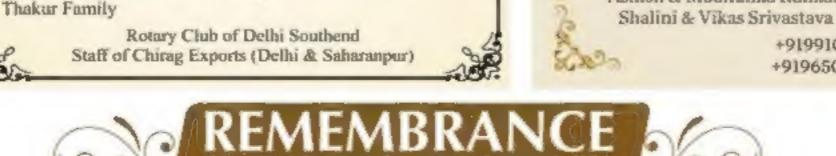
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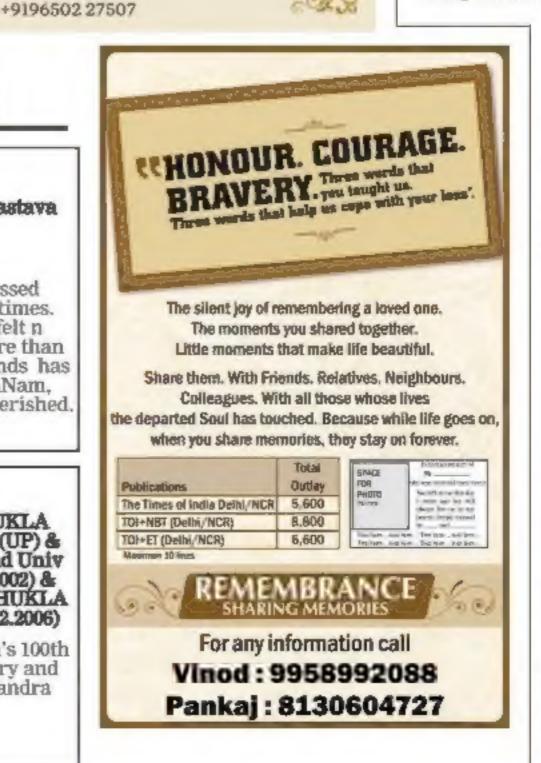
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AAP, BJP spar over 'wall' in Satpula Park

New Delhi: AAP functionary Saurabh Bharadwaj on Tuesday alleged that the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) built a two-foot-wide wall in the middle of Satpula Park in South Delhi's Chirag Dilli area.

Bharadwaj stated that the Greater Kailash Samajik Ramlila Committee organised a grand Ramlila in the park every year, which was no longer possible because of the wall, "This Ramlila features a magnificent 140-foot stage and is known as the largest and grandest in South Delhi and the surrounding areas. DDA, under BJP-led govt, constructed a two-foot-wide wall in the middle of Satpula Park to prevent the Ramlila from being organised in the coming years." Bharadwai alleged.

AAP and BJP also sparred over organising Chhath celebrations in the same park earlier in Nov. While no immediate response was available from DDA, BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor criticised Bharadwaj for allegedly making statements to incite communal tension. "Saurabh Bharadway has a habit of raising issues that may disturb religious harmony. When AAP's attempts to gain fayour with the Hindu community through their registration camps failed, its leaders began picking issues to provoke religious discord," Kapoor said. TNN

DUTA urges CM for funds amid financial crisis in govt colleges

New Delhi: Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) has written a letter to chief minister Atishi demanding urgent financial support for the 12 Delhi govt-funded colleges facing a severe crisis.

The teachers' body has called for immediate release of Rs 285 crore to cover the pending salaries and other dues for the staff. This amount includes Rs 100 crore from the fourth-quarter budget passed by AAP govt, along with an additional Rs 185 crore to bridge the deficit accumulated due to cuts in funding. "It was observed that, in regular audits, no financial irregularities were reported," the letter states.

The letter highlights the alarming lack of grant-in-aid available to these colleges, "which has left them unable to pay the Dec 2024 salaries".

"While Delhi govt claims that salaries up to Dec were covered by the third-quarter funds, there is a huge shortfall in the overall budget, which has led to non-payment of salaries, arrears, medical bills, and other admissible dues. We demand immediate regularisation of teaching and non-teaching positions in these 12 colleges," said a DUTA member THN

PM To Launch Major Infra **Plans For City**

Events Likely This Week, World Trade Centre & RRTS Included

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New Delhi: Ahead of announcement of Delhi assembly poll date, PM Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate and lay foundation stone for a number of infrastructure projects for the national capital this week These include inauguration of the World Trade Centre at Nauroji Nagar, handing over of govt flats at Sarojini Nagar opening of a 13-km section of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) connecting New Ashok Nagar in Delhi to Sahibabad in Ghaziabad, and laying of foundation of the Rithala Kundli metro line.

TOI has learnt that the programmes are scheduled for Jan 3 (Friday) and Jan 5 (Sanday). The Election Commission is likely to announce the poll date early next week

Eight events, including a public meeting, would be held on Friday. "We are expecting some major announcements to boost the city's infrastructure, particularly in the road and transport sector, and ma jor social welfare schemes," a source said. The poor upkeep of roads in the capital has been a major issue that BJP is using to target the AAP govt.

Sources said on Friday, around one-fourth of the 1,700 flats that have been completed at the redeveloped Sarojo ni Nagar govt housing complex are likely to be allotted to central govt employees. In the

case of the World Trade Centre, which is a flagship commercial project of the central govt, all commercial spaces have been sold or leased out

Officials said the PM is likely to inaugurate the Ashok Nagar-Sahibabad stretch of the RRTS corridor on Sunday This will establish fast-rail connectivity between Meerut and the national capital, bringing down travel time to nearly an hour. Though the inauguration of this section was slated for last Sunday it

> PM is scheduled to lay the foundation stone for the metro line between Rithala and Kundli. The **Union Cabinet** okayed it on Dec 6

was postponed due to the seven-day national mourning announced following the death of former PM Manmohan Singh on Dec 26.

Similarly, PM Modi is scheduled to lay the founda tion stone for the new metro line between Rithala and Kundli, The Union Cabinet, on Dec 6, had approved the 26.5 km corridor of Delhi Metro's phase-IV project, which will improve connectivity between the national capital and neighbouring Hary ana The Rs 6.230-crore corridor is scheduled to be completed in four years.

Doon e-way: No early date for Delhi stretch

New Delhi: The first leg of the Delhi Dehradun Expressway from Akshardham to the Eastern Peripheral Expressway (EPE) intersection will now be inaugurated once the entire corridor is ready for traffic by March, sources said. Earner there was a plan to maugurate the first stretch of 32 km, falling in the national capital and parts of Uttar Pradesh, before the Delhi assembly polls

TOI has learnt that the road transport ministry has infor-

Union road transport minister N.tin Gadkari had maintained that once the expressway is finished, the travel time between Delhi and Dehradun will be reduced to 2.5 nours, and the journey from Delhi to Haridwar will be cut from five hours to two hours.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR: An illuminated Connaught Place waits early in the evening for the merry-makers

Investment scam: Gang with China link busted, 5 arrested

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New Delhi: A gang, allegedly managed by Chinese scammers and involved in at least 68 cheating cases in India, was busted recently police said on Tuesday. The gang was duping people into investing large sums of money for high returns.

Five members of this international syndicate were arres ted. They included Rayit Kumar (29), Swarnpreet Singh (34), Manpreet Singh (42), Jaspal Singh (24) and Vansh Gupta (23). Except Vansh, who ha ils from Jammu, all others are residents of Punjab.

The racket was unearthed following a complaint lodged on Oct 18 by a woman from Sadh Nagar in southwest Delhi's Palam Colony She was duped of Rs 19 lakh after being contacted by a woman on WhatsApp who introduced herself as an assistant and lead analyst. The analyst tricked her into paying the amount by assuring her signifi-

DCP (South West) Surend ded amount was transferred from her bank account to one in Ludhiana, Punjab, which was under the name of a firm owned by Ravit Kumar Furt her investigation revealed that nearly Rs 2.6 crore was siphoned off through this account to

various other accounts. Subsequently, a team, led by inspector Vikas Kumar Buldak, raided several locations and arrested Ravit. Ravit provided information that later led to the arrest of two more suspects, Manpreet Swarnpreet, who were detail ned in Patiala. Jaspal and Vansh were apprehended at a hotel in Paharganj, Delhi

The Dubai-based members of this gang exploited unemployed youths from India by promising them jobs with a Chinese firm in Dubai

Jaspal told police that he obtained Ravit's bank account details from his associate, Maninder Singh, He also claimed that the funds were being transfer red to the Chinese nationals involved in the online scam.

Police sources said that the criminal network operated from Dubai, where the accu sed were working in tandem with Chinese nationals. The ar rested individuals were responsible for setting up take bank accounts and routing the ill-gotten money to internation

Housing Commissioner

The Dubai-based members of this gang exploited unemployed youths from India by promising them jobs with a Chinese firm in Dubai, only to invol ve them in the fraudulent activities of the syndicate.

"Further investigation is underway Raids are still being conducted in Jammu, Kashmir and Patiala to nab the syn dicate's remaining members," an officer said

Ravit told the cops that he initially worked as a data operator in a private firm, where he met Manpreet, who later introduced him to Swarnpreet. Together, they created take firms and opened multiple bank accounts using false identities.

Vansh, a BCom graduate and unemployed, said that he was introduced to the fraudulent operations by Amandeep and Prabsimran in Dubai. The duo told him about a job opportunity at a Chinese firm in Dubal. Vansh went there and started working for the gang. He was paid Rs 1.5 lakh per month for his role in the operation. Jaspal also went to Dubai and began working there for the gang.

Amandeep and Prabsim ran are believed to be hiding in Dubai and police may issue a lookout circular against the duo soon

"Proper monitoring and safety design checks shall be done to avoid any damage to exis-New Delhi: Delhi Pollution ting structures," the project Control Committee (DPCC) proponent has said, accorhas prepared a report based ding to DPCC's report

public inputs to green min

Road tunnel: DPCC submits

Another participant, Ji tendra Yaday also from Mahi palpur, asked officials when the tunnel work would start and what arrangements would be made to keep the environment safe. He

The report has been subwas told that the mitted to the ministry of ententative date for the start was July techange (MoEF&CC), which 2025, subject to cleawill make the decision on rances, All precaugranting environmental cleations and other me asures would be ta DPCC, in its report, said ken as per the Centhat the participants at the he-Pollution

aring were told by the project Control Board gui proponent that the environdelines, monitored by NHAI mental management plan will and its agencies, the project be implemented during const proponent assured Yadav. ruction. A local resident, Nis-

Anupam Avasthi, another participant, told the officials that his sector, D-6 Santushi Apartment, will be the most affected during the implementation of the project. He said they were already suffering because the society was closed on one side due to metro construction work. He was assured that there would be minimum inconvenience to the residents

A DPCC official said, "The comments received during the public hearings have been compiled and sent to the Mo-

EF&CC for further action in the matter" The total length of the tunnel is 4.9km, and it is proposed to pass through New Delhi and South Delhi districts.

including the southern ridge.

A total of 417 trees are proposed to be cut. The project aims to ease traffic

According to the draft environmental impact assessment report, forest land involving 5.8257 hectares falling under Southern Ridge and

1 6888 hectares that is a deemed forest will be diverted

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The ridge management board gave approval to the proect in Nov 2022, followed by the Central Empowered Committee in June 2023 and the Supreme Court in Oct last year.

Of the total 4 983km, the tunnel length would be around 43km. The total capital cost, including civil, utility shifting, and forest and environment, is proposed to be Rs 4089 crore

Cop run over in Nangloi in Sept: Chargesheet filed roached on his motorcycle and

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New Delhi: Months after a policeman's fatal encounter with a car in west Delhi's Nangloi Dellui Police have filed a chargesheet in the case.

The incident occurred when the policeman, on bike patrol, got into an argument with the car driver, who then chased, hit, and dragged him over 30 feet before crushing him against a stationary vehicle on Sept 29.

The chargesheet names Dharmender and Ramish as the main accused, while two others have been accused of harbouring Dharmender

According to the 400-page chargesheet filed by Delhi Police in court, the incident began when constable Sandcep Malik spotted Dharmender and Ramish drinking in a car

while on night duty. They became enraged after Sandeep objected to their drinking. The constable instructed the duo to leave immediately for their residence, However, Dharmender and Rajnish refused

Constable Sandeep admonished them and threatened to mitiate legal action at their residence, forcing them to vacate the premises. This enraged Dharmender further As the constable pursued them on his motorcycle, the accused stopped outside Veena Enclave, seme distance from their resi-

dence, and awaited his arrival The murder, captured on CCTV footage, confirmed that the cop was moved down without any provocation

At 2.15 am, the car reached the street, reversed slightly. and stopped on the side. At 2 16 am, as constable Sandeep app-

headed towards the accused's house, the accused tailed him and ran him over. The footage shows that upon impact, Sandeep lost control of the motorcycle, his legs were thrust into the air and he collapsed onto the bike. The Wagon R then collided with another vehicle, sandwiching the cop between the car and a stationary vehicle. Despite being rushed to hospital he succumbed to his injuries. His body was handed over to his family after an au-

They were booked under BNS sections 221 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions), 132 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), 103 (murder), 249 (harbouring offender) and 3(5) (common intention)

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Rahul Kumar (34), a resident of Peeragarhi

New Delhi: Two days after two robbers were shot

in the legs following an encounter with police in

Punjabi Bagh, authorities arrested their associa-

han (35), a resident of Burari, and his associate

robbers, who were stopped by the police, opened

fire, hitting the officers bulletproof vests. In reta-

hatton, the police fired back, injuring Robit Kapo-

or and Rinku, who were later taken to a hospital.

The accused were identified as Sumit Chau

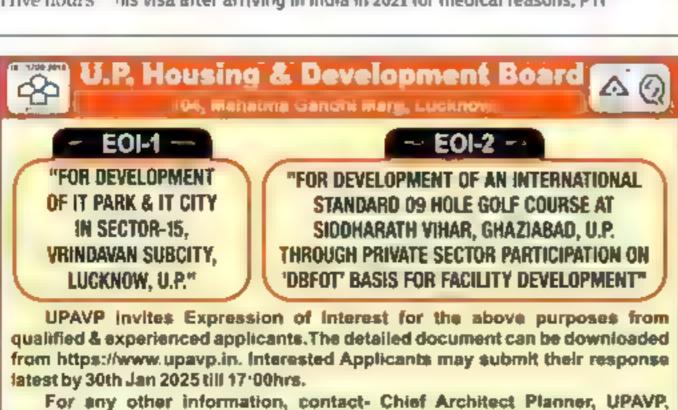
The encounter occurred on Sunday when the

Feb. "The plan is to open the expressway in one go rather than opening different stretches when they get completed. Commuters get full benefit of an expressway when they don't need to take detours or diversions, and the end-to-end travel is seamless," said a source.

Two Nigerians caught smuggling heroin

New Delhi: Police has arrested two Nigerian nationals and al egedly recovered 442 grams of heroin from their possession, an official said on Tuesday. The arrested individuals, Amans Osaretin alias Fred and Thompson alias Emeka, were allegedly part of a narco-syndicate distributing heroin across NCR. They allegedly operated a multi-state drug distribution network. Fred (47), arrived in India in 2014 for medical treatment. Thompson (47) overstayed

his visa after arriving in India in 2021 for medical reasons, PTI



Architecture and Planning section, Neelgiri complex, Indira nagar, Lucknow-

The two robbers were involved in 80 criminal cal During interrogation, the accused, Robit and Rinku, disclosed that their associates, Rahul and Sumit, procured the weapons

used in severa, armed robbertes and other crimes. Based on this information, the two were arrested. A pistol, two live cartridges. and a buttoned knife were recovered from Rahul, while Sumit was found in possession of a pistol and three live cartridges. Police stated that both robbers, Ran ku and Rohit, primarily targeted various areas of Delhi, focusing

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on gold jewellery and cash, TNN



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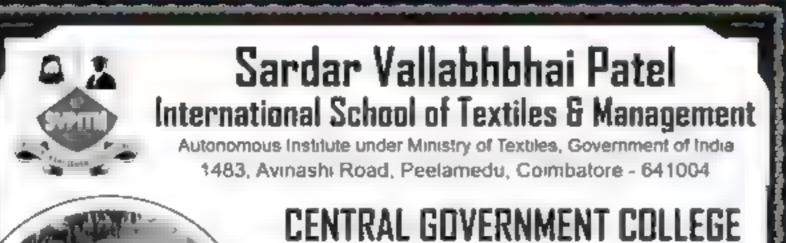
The above mentioned child is now staying at Littaran Children's Home, MLRC. Adra, Purula West Benga by the order of Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Purulia

f anybody has any claim or any information about the above mentioned child they may communicate to the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) Purula within 26th January, 2025 with proper documents Otherwise the child will be declared

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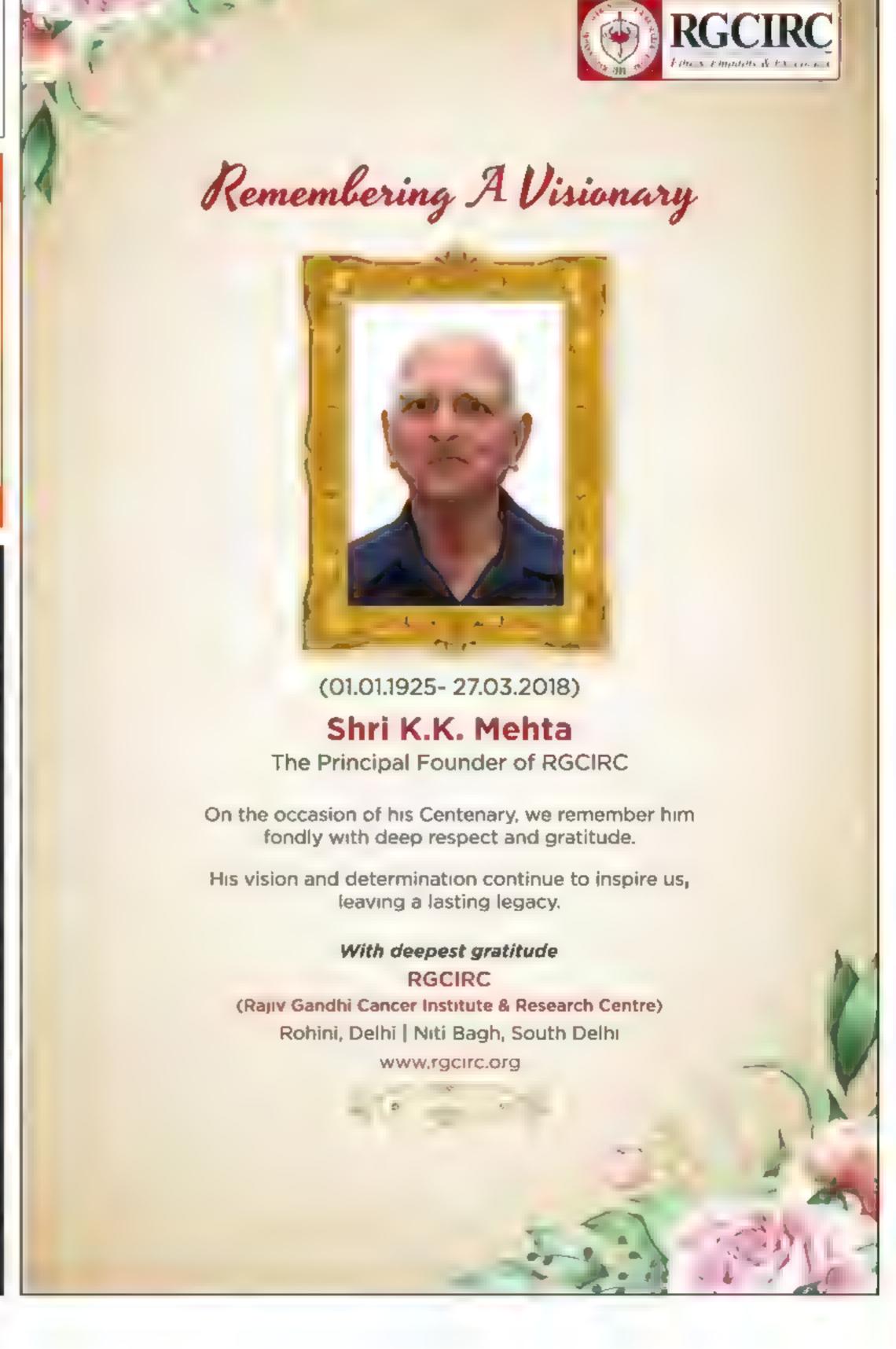
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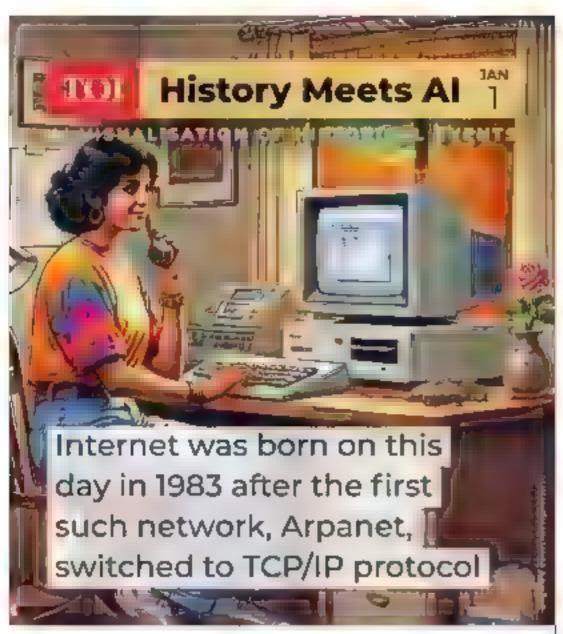
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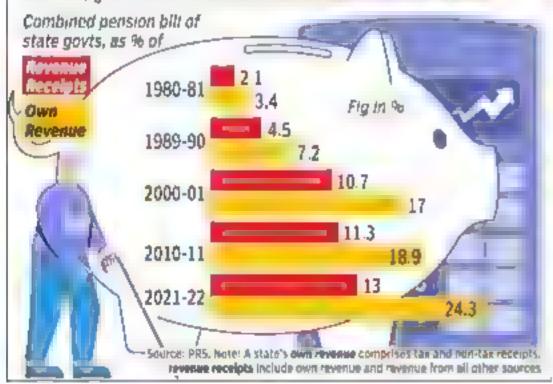
₹1L payout for bug bite on bus

Nakshina Kannada District Consumer Commission in Karnataka has ordered a private bus operator and a booking agent to pay over Rs 1 takh to a passenger for mental agony, hardship and financia, loss suffered due to bug bites during a 2022 journey between Mangaloru and Bengaluru. The commission ruled that there had been a deficiency in service. The swelling and other bodily injunes caused by the bites forced passenger Deepika Suvarna into a 15-day rest for the allergy to subside, leading to her elimination from a TV reality show and consequent loss of earnings. Deepika had booked an online ticket to Bengaluru on Aug 16, 2022, to take part in the readity show on a Kannada TV channel but suffered a sleepless night in the bus, rashes and other reactions on her body when she got off the next morning. Deepika. was a participant in the show along with husband Shobharai Payoor. The 15-day rest advised by the doctor to overcome the bug allergy resulted in the elimination of both from the show. THE

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE

OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that

accused person(s) Sajid, S/o: Nasru, R/o: VPO-Basat

MEV Mewat. Haryana, has committed (or is suspected to

have committed) the offence in CC No. 5895/2019, U/s. 138

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a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused

person(s) Saild, cannot be found and whereas it has been

shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s)

Sajid, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the

service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made

that the said accused person Sajid CC No. 5895/2019, U/s.

138 NI Act, P.S.: KNK Marg, Delhi is required to appear

before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before

SGPC reverses Badal shooter ex-communication decision

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Pune: The man wanted in con-

nection with the abduction

and murder of Massajog vil-

lage sarpanch Santosh Desh-

mukh in Maharashtra's Beed

district surrendered Tuesday

to CID in Pune. Former Parl:

municipal council chief Val-

mik Karad, a close associate of

minister Dhananjay Munde

of NCP (Ajit Pawar), had been

on the run since cases were

wrong. My name is being

dragged into this," Karad said

before entering the CID office.

He was questioned for two

hours before being arrested in

interconnected cases: Desh

mukh's abduction and mur

der, a Rs 2 crore extortion bid

involving a windmill company

in which the sarpanch tried to

intervene, and an assault on

named in the murder, his al

leged role in the extortion

plot has created political rip-

ples, with opposition and Ma-

havuti coalition politicians

Although Karad is not

the firm's security guard.

CID is investigating three

"I have done nothing

registered earlier in Dec.

Amritsar: Shiromani Gurd wara Parbandhak Commit tee's executive committee reversed Tuesday Its decision to excommunicate Naram Singh Chaura, who attempted to as sassinate Shiromani Akalı Dal (5AD) functionary Sukhbir Singh Badal outside Amrit

The Dec 9 resolution urging the Akal Takht jathedar to excommunicate Chaura from the Panth was annulled without citing any reason for doing so

also discussed the killing of three suspected pro-Khalistan operatives from Punjab in a shootout with police in UP and demanded a judicial inquiry into the deaths

Although Karad is not named in the murder, opposition and Mahayuti

been filed against me Tamsur-

rendering at CID office despite

having the right to seek antici

patory bail. The real culprits

behind Deshmukh's murder

should be arrested and given

the death penalty. If found

guilty, I am ready to be puni-

closing Karad's whereabouts

during his 20 days on the run

karad's supporters alleged

he was a scapegoat in a politi

cally charged rivalry

CID refrained from dis-

shed," he said

netas have demanding his arrest and minister Munde's resignation

The meeting, chaired by SGPC chief Harjinder Singh Dhami, passed a resolution that questions if the encounter was a deliberate attempt to target youths from Punjab. Anoth-

from Beed district demand-

ing his arrest and minister

Munde's resignation, alleg-

Karad "will be taken to Kan for

custodial remand proceedings

and further investigation".

Two others named in the ex-

tortion case have already been

arrested. In a video message

released before his surrender.

Karad claimed innocence, al-

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CID DIG Sarang Awad said

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sar's Golden Temple on Dec 4

The executive committee

er decision was to extended by a month the term of the panel tasked with probing allegations levelled by a person against Takht Damdama Sahib jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Ifeanyi Dalington S/o Agukwe R/o IMO State Nigena Also at Plot No. 36 Bhagwati Garden Extension Jain Road Uttam Nagar New Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed). the offence in Case FIR No. 282/2023 U/s 8/22/25 of NDPS Act & 14 Foreigners Act P.S.: Dwarks South Delhi, it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Ifeanyl Dalington, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused feany! Dalington, has abscorded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Ifeanyi Dalington. accused of FIR No. 282/2023 U/s 8/22/25 of NDPS Act & 14 Foreigners Act PS.: Dwarks South Delhi, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 12.02.2025.

DP/16955/DW/2024 (Court Matter)

By Order Ms. Bhavna Kalia \$J (NDPS)-01 Court No. 610 Dwarka Courts, New Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



17.02.2025

(Court Matter)

DP/17134/RD/2024

General public is hereby informed that a male namely Aman Kumar, S/o: Shobha Devi., R/o: H.No. 24 Tanchua Mohalla, Chilla Village, Deihi has been missing/Kidanapped since 14.10.2024 at about 01:00 PM from his Home. In this regard FIR No. 418/2024, U/s: 137(2) BNS. Dated 19.11 2024 has been registered at P.S. Mayur Vihar, Delhi. The description of

Judicial Magistrate First Class-04

Court No. 110 Rohini Court, New Delhi

missing/Kidanapped male is as under Name: Aman Kumar, Age:16 Years, Height:5'7" Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Wearing: Black Colour T-Shirt & Lower, Black Colour Slipper in Feet. f anyone have any information about this

missing/Kidanapped male please inform PS Mayur Vihar, Delhi Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in

Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

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By Order

Rohit Kumar

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of Unknown person Namely unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: about 57-58 years, Height: 5'2". Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Grey Hoody, Blue Jacket, Check Shirt & Green Lower Place of Recovery: Munshi Ram Bagh, New

Ranjeet Nagar, Delhi, on 26.12.2024. In this regard DD No. 89-A dated 26.12.2024 has been registered at P.S. Ranjeet Nagar, Delhi

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers

SHO - P.S. Ranjeet Nagar, Delhi Tel. No. 8750870436

DP/17169/CD/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one Girl (depicted in the photo) namely Chandani D/o Surender, R/o: Street No.-Swatantar Nagar, Narela, Delhi, Age-24 Yrs, has been reported missing since 21 11 2024 at 9 00 AM from her Residence vide, DD No. 79A, Dated 26.12.2024, registered at Police Station Narela, Outer North Distt., Delhi. Her physical description is as under

Sex: Female, Height: 5'0", Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Black Piazoo & Black Suit and Black Slipper on her feet.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing girl, please inform to the following.

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Maha mantri's aide surrenders in Beed sarpanch murder case

Political Vendetta Behind False Extortion Complaint, Says Accused

Beed arms licences': Police are scrutinising all weapon licences issued in Beed district of Maharashtra and verifying in every case if the person has a legitimate need for a firearm, a senior police official

"Will cancel unnecessary

FIRs would be registered against persons whose photographs or videos while flaunt ing a gun are circulating on social media, Beed Superintend

FULL COVERAGE: P 18

ent of Police Navneet Kanwat said told PTL The worsening law and order situation in this central Maharashtra district came to the fore after the brutal murder of Santosh Deshmukh, sarpanch of Massajog village, on December 9, and a related case of extortion.

"We are verifying the need for weapon licence in all cases. Wherever there is no need, we will recommend that the licence be cancelled, "said Kanwat who took charge in Beed recently after the previ ous SP was transferred amid the political row, en

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Leopard seen on Infy Mysuru campus, staff to work from home

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mysuru: A leopard was sighted at the Infosys campus in Mysuru early Tuesday. sending foresters and police on a hunt to trap the big cat.

CCTV footage confirmed the leopard's presence some 100 metres from the hostel at the high-security campus located in the Hebbal industrial area on the outskirts of the city. However, personnel from the forest department, cops and the IT company staff did not spot it during the day.

Combing operations will continue on Wednesday as well, forest authorities said

As soon as the big cat's presence on the campus was confirmed, it was closed for the day Except for a handful of staff members, only foresters and police were allowed inside, and all the gates were cosed. More than 10,000 people work on the campus that is spread over 300 acres

A software engineer said he received a message around 6 am about the presence of the leopard and was advised to work from home for the day.

Speaking to reporters in Bidar, forest minister Eshwar B Khandre said, "Drones

Karnataka foresters and cops are on a hunt to trap the big cat

fitted with thermal cameras are being used to trace the leopard. All measures have been taken to ensure the animai doesn't enter the nearby human habitat."

Although the boundary wall, equipped with electric fencing, stands 12-13 feet high, the trees planted along the outer wall provided an easy entry point for the big cat Foresters said the leopard climbed on a tree to gain en-

try into the campus. Speaking to TOI, Prabhu Gowda, deputy conservator of forests (wildlife), said "CCTV footage confirmed the entry of the leopard, though we have not been able to locate it.

2 drunk burglars break into home, 1 flees with loot. other passes out

Tapan Susheel TNN

Roorkee: Two drunk men, in a bid to make a fast buck, broke into a house at a posh colony in Roorkee in Uttarakhand on Monday night and started ransacking the house. As the night was cold, they decided to take a few gulps more at the house from a bottle which they carried However, as luck would have it, one of the thieves got completely sozzled and passed out in one of the bedrooms of the house.

His accomplice was tipsy and tried to wake his partner but failed and abandoned him before fleeing with Rs 2 lakh cash and gold jewellery worth Rs3lakh

The house owner, Mayank Goel 35, who used to work for a finance company, said on Tuesday "I went to UP with my wife and child to meet a relative on Saturday. We returned home around 11pm on Monday, and to our shock found the lock of the front door broken and the rooms ransacked. As we entered cautiously, we saw a man sleeping in one of the bedrooms. We called the police and found that he was drunk, and his name was Wasım Kha.gel."

Police have sent Khaleel (40), from Roorkee, for med.cal tests and he was remanded in judicial custody. An FIR under BNS sections 305 (theft in a house), 331-4 (housebreaking by night for theft) and 317-2 (possession of stolen property) was registered

Subsequently, Rs 10,000 cash and some stolen va. aables were recovered. The other burglar is still at large, police said.

Tax fears stop WB pet owners from opening up during livestock census Sept 1 and is conducted by

A sadhu at the Dashashwamedh Ghat ahead of the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj on Tuesday. UP CM Yogi

Adityanath said that no protocol will be applicable during the main bathing festival in the mela-

Sarthak Ganguly & Suman Chakraborti THIN

Kolkata: The state animal resources development de partment is conducting a survey on domesticated animals in Bengal for the Centre's 21st livestock census across the country.

Several petowners in Kolkata and suburbs are report edly hiding their furry ba bies from the prying eyes of the census, according to officials who are facing challenges in conducting the survey. They are seeking help from civic and urban munici pal bodies to pre-empt resist ance or reluctance by pet owners. The officials la mented that several people



The officials lamented that several people are reluctant to reveal their ownership of pets. mostly pedigree dogs, for fear of any additional tax burden

are reluctant to reveal their ownership of pets, mostly pedigree dogs, for fear of any additional tax burden

being imposed on them The survey began on

"We have already started

Livestock

Corporation, said

corresponding with local municipal bodies, including Korkata Municipal Corpora tion and Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, about the census," an official of the state animal resources development department said.

the Centre in all states at an

interval of every five years.

It also includes pet dogs and

cats along with other do-

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Mumbai fog spreads to sea, pushes fish to warmer waters 200km away

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Chittaranjan.Tembhekar

Mumbai: Kashmath Bhoir has not returned to the Versova jetty for a week, he and numerous other fishermen have ventured almost 100 nautical miles (around 185km) into the sea to secure their catch Dnyanesh, his brother, says the fog that blanketed a vast expanse of Arabian sea off Mumbai's coast last week has made the fish move out of its usual 15-20 nautical mile range near the coast towards warmer waters.

A Met official said easterly winds have propelled the haze from Mumbai towards the sea. It currently extends 40-50 nautical miles offshore, dimunishing visibility to 2 km for fishing vessels, reports.

According to fishermen association head Devendra Tandel and Rajhans Tapke, fishing boats and trawlers are now compelled to use up sub-

CATCH DWINDLES Easterly wind carrying dust,

pollutants from various parts of state, pushing smog over Mumbai region further into sea. > Haze causes sea surface

water temp to drop, reduces sunlight reaching fish, forcing them to go to warmer waters > While fish catch reduces, visibility also reduces for fishing boats in areas near city

ture up to 100 nautical miles (India's territorial waters ex tend up to 200 nautical miles). As fish migrate towards warmer waters, the catch is dwindling and prices escalating in the city's markets. Fluctuating weather pat-

terns have altered fish migra tion routes, with Bombay duck, typically caught near Versova, now found beyond Palghar towards Gujarat. Similarly, sardines have shifted northward from the Konkan towards south of Mumbai, stantial stocks of fuel to ven they said, highlighting that winds over Maharashtra lead could be more," Tapke added.

are directly related to weather conditions. According to Tandel, pomfrets have travelled far beyond Mumbai waters.

these alterations in patterns

Tapke observed that the recent collision between a fishing vessel and a cargo ship occurred due to poor visibility caused by the dense smog near the coast. Explaining the weather phenomenon, Kamble said the easterly wind travelling towards the western coast is carrying dust and pollutants from various parts of the state, pushing the smog over the Mumbai region further into the sea. "This time it is not Mumbai's pollution alone, but from other surrounding urban setups as the wind is blowing from the countryside towards the coast," he said. It may be noted that the extended smog over Mumbai is primarily due to the substantial moisture that flowed in with the interaction of easterly northerly and westerly

ing to condensation. The initial foggy condi-

tion which was due to a drop in temperature thus transformed into widespread smog over the past few days as the heavy moisture and insufficient wand speed forced the dust and smoke from vehicles, garbage and construction sites to remain suspend ed in air Since Monday, how ever, the smog has been rapidly dissipating

Tandel, who is chief of All Maharashtra Fishermen's Action Committee, said the cost of fuel and ice for cold storage, rationing and maintenance of a vessel has increased substantially over the last week, reading to rise in prices of fish. He said since the boats were arriving late, it has also resulted in shortage. "The cost of Bombay duck has increased more than double while pomfrets and surmai are 30-35% more expensive. If the same weather continues, the rise

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION General public is hereby informed that an



unidentified Male name y Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found Unconscious Condition on 14 12.2024 from G-Block Mangolpuri, Delhi. Was Admitted on MLC No. 26048/24 Sanjay Gandhi Hospital where during the treatment doctor declared him dead. In

this regard DD No. 36A, dated 14 12 2024 has been odged at Police Station Mangolpuri, Delhi Physical Description of unidentified male dead body is as under: Name: Unknown, Age: About 34 Years, Height: 5'10", Complexion: Shallow, ID Mark: Tattoo on Left Hand, Wearing: Green Colour Hoodie T-Shirt and Pink Colour Pant.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned

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Centre extending all help to Kerala nurse awarded death sentence in Yemen: MEA

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New Delhi With Yemen having upheld the death sentence awarded earlier to a Kerala nurse, Indian govt said it's extending all possible help to the woman identified as Nimisha Priya, "We are aware of the sentencing of Nimisha Priya in Yemen. We understand that the fam. ily of Priya is exploring relevant options. Govt is extending all possible help in the matter," said MEA

Praya's death sentence was recently approved by Yemen President Rashadal Ali

We understand that the family of Priya is exploring relevant options, MEA said. Reports indicate the execution could take place in a month, leaving the family in shock and racing against time to save her

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Priya, hailing from Kollengode in Kerala's Palakkad district, was handed capital punishment for allegedly

murdering a Yement citizen. She had moved to Yemen in 2008 to support her daily

wage labourer parents. She worked in several hospitals and eventually decided to open her own clinic. In 2017, a dispute arose between her and her Yemeni business partner, Talal Abdo Mahdi. after she reportedly opposed his alleged attempts to misappropriate funds. According to her family. Priva allegedly injected Mahdı with se-

datives to retrieve her confiscated passport. Tragically, an overdose led to his death

She was arrested while at

tempting to flee the country and was convicted of murder in 2018. In 2020, a trial court in Sanaa sentenced her to death, and Yemen's Supreme Judicial Council upheld the verdict in Nov 2023, though it left open the option of blood money. The case has drawn widespread attention and raised concerns over the fate of Indian nationals abroad as the family and supporters continue their efforts to save Priva from the death penalty.

CDSCO seizes large quantities of drugs without proper papers from Kol-based co

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New Delhi, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisa tion (CDSCO) and Drugs Control Directorate of West Ben gal recently seized large quantitles of anti-cancer, anti-diabetic, and other drugs from a Kolkata-based company.

The seized drugs, labelled as being manufactured in various countries including Ireland Turkey the USA, and Bangladesh, were found without any supporting documents to prove their legitimate import into India.

The investigating team also discovered several empty packing materials, further raising concerns over authenticity of the seized products.

According to health ministry, a woman identified as proprietor of the wholesale

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firm has been arrested, and to ensure proper investigation, samples of the drugs have been sent for quality testing, "The remaining seized quantity is being kept in safe custody by CDSCO," the health ministry said.

A court granted judicia. custody of the arrested proprietor for 14 days and permitted further interrogation. Further investigation into the matter is ongoing, the ministry said

The statement added that CDSCO and state authorities will continue to work in close coordination to combat the threat posed by spurious drugs and to safeguard the interests of consumers

Recently CDSCO introduced new guidelines for inspections. It stated that al. drug inspectors in the country should collect at least 10 samples in a month; nine samples of drugs and one sample of cosmetics/medical device. It also said the drug inspectors must plan the sampling in such a way that samples are forwarded to the laboratory on the same day of sampling. In case of rural location or distant location to office, sample shall be forwarded to laboratory by next day and not later than that

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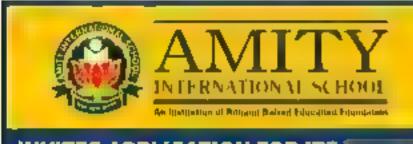
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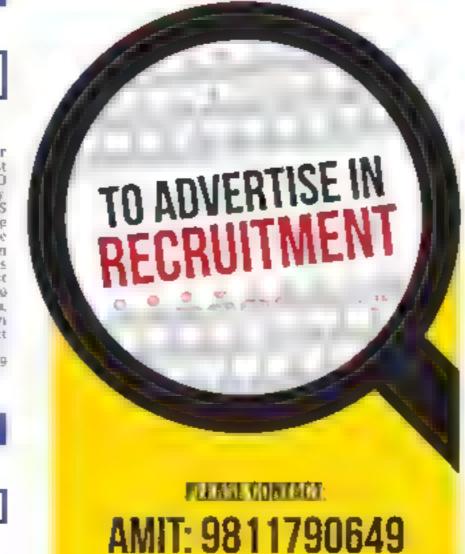
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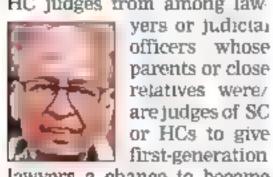


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Singhvi backs SC proposal to reform HC judge selection norms

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New Delhi: Top lawyer and Congress functionary Abhishek Manu Singhyi has backed the proposal, under consideration of SC coLegium, to pause for some time appointment of HC judges from among law



are judges of SC or HCs to give first-generation lawyers a chance to become constitutional court judges.

TOI was the first to report about the proposal and also that SC collegium has decided to interact with lawyers and judicial officers, recommended by HC coLegiums for appoint ment as HC judges, to evaluate their suitability and assess their capability and calibre

Reacting to TOI report, sentor advocate Singhyi said both proposals were good and should be implemented sooner rather than later "If true, both proposals under SC collegium consideration, seemingly radi cal, are good & should be implemented sooner rather than lat er. I wrote decades ago that col legium judges should disguise themselves and sit in courts of those judges being considered for elevation or lawyers in act.on before elevation L.ke sul tans of old used to do in ancient times to learn what are the real problems of their flef. We would all be astonished (and scared) at the hiatus between CV and reality, between paper appraisal vs court perform ance. Interviews proposed now not as good as my suggestion but at least second best, though surprise checks in disguise are not unrealistic," he wrote on X

"Second proposal must also be implemented. Reality of judicial appointments is much murk er and much more non objective than originally conceived. Mutual back scratch ing, uncle judges, family lineage, etc, demoralise others and bring disrepute to the institu tion. But easier said than done t.ll now we are unable to even ban lawyer relatives practising in the same HC as judge rela tives. Time and again, the sys tem has proved stronger than desirable impulses for reform," Singhvi further said

Govt's draft policy aims to build unified agri market

Pitches For Panel Of State Ministers On The Lines Of GST Committee

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New Delhi: Nearly three years after repealing the reform-oriented farm laws due to farmers' protest. Centre has now come out with a draft national policy framework on agriculture marketing sug gesting states move towards a 'unified national market for agriculture produce" through single licensing /registration system and single fee.

Allowing setting up of private wholesale markets, permitting wholesale direct purchase by processors, exporters, organised retailers, bulk buyers from farm-gate; declaring warehouses, silos. cold storages as deemed market, allowing establishment & operation of privatee-trading platform; single time levy of market fees across the state: and rationalisation of market fee and commission charges are some of the other key suggestions of the govt to reform the agriculture market

The draft was released by the agriculture ministry last month seeking comments from stakeholders for wider consultations. It was pret the states to move towards a censes of other state (recultosts, "says the 39-page draft



The draft policy comes nearly three years after repeating the reform-oriented farm laws due to farmers' protest

pared by a committee, set up under the chairmanship of Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, addi tional secretary (marketing) in the agriculture ministry.

Though states/UTs have started adopting one or the other such measures in limited or an uneven manner, the draft suggests uniformi ty across the country and pitches for constituting an "empowered agricultural marketing reform commit tee" of state ministers on the lines of such a committee on GST to push the states to

adopt the reform provisions The draft notes that such a joint panel may help in building consensus among

unified national market, and suggests a "permanent sec retariat" on the lines of the GST empowered committee

It says the committee may consider proposing to bring a law for agricultural market ing, uniform market fee and such other issues for the benefit of farmers and barrier free agri-trade with an approach of "ease of doing trade"

The draft emphasises that the key idea behind the proposal is to "build a vibrant marketing ecosystem in the country wherein farmers of all categories find a mar ket of their choice to realise best price for their produce"

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procity of trading license); deregulation of perishables out side market yard; exemption of market fee on direct sale by farmers; & exemption of market fee on produce brought from other state for processing are some of the other sug gestions of the draft policy.

Underlining importance of ongoing focus on creation of digital public infrastructure using block-chain tech nology, Al and machine learning for strengthening the supply chain processes right from farm to storage, the draft says that the mission of the propos al is to "put in place a mechanism to mitigate the uncertainties of market and price"

As such, the draft proposal talks about development of an emprovised version of e-NAM in form of Digital Marketing Portal as part of a larger market stack. It says in the changed marketing dynamics, there is a need for creation of end to end Value Chain Cen tric Infrastructure and digital infrastructure for "effective and transparent marketing delivery" "VCCI will lead to integration of supply chains and reduction of transaction

UP man lynched by vigilantes on suspicion of 'cow slaughter'

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Bareilly: A 37 year-old man from Moradabad in UP was mercilessly beaten by cow vigilantes of a right wing outfit for allegedly slaugh tering a cow. The incident was reported from Moradabad's Majhola around 3,30am on Monday and the victim, Shahedeen Qureshi, died at a hospital a few hours later

A purported video of the horrific attack was circulat ed online - mostly by the vigilantes on Tuesday in the clip, a few men belonging to a right-wing group could be seen kicking, punching and hitting a man with blunt objects, with the victim lying on the ground with visible injuries on the body, gasping for breath. A carcass of a stray cow could be seen next to him but it is unclear wheth-

er he had killed that animal SP (Moradabad city) Ran Vijay Singh said, "Locals came to know of a bovine being slaughtered, and caught one person while his accompirces fled. The mob thrashed the man after finding the carcass. The man died during treatment. We have received a complaint from his brother and have registered an FIR against unidentified persons under section of murder The accused will be identified and arrested soon."



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Shahedeen's brother Shahjad, who runs a meat shop, said, "My brother was a bodybuilder and used to work in a factory. He had nothing to do with meat trade and never had any FIR against him in the past. A year ago, he fell ill due to wrong supplements and spent almost six months in a hospital as his lungs became weak, He lost his job at that time... My brother would never do such a thing. Others

he paid the price for it " Qureshl's wife, Rizwana, added, "My husband was sleeping at our home when his friends took him along around midnight on Sunday. A few hours later, we came to know that he was lynched by a mob. Despite videos clearly showing the culprits mercilessly assaulting my

could've been involved and

husband, police lodged a case mentioning 'unidentified persons' in the FIR."

Rashtriya Bajrang Dal functionary Roban Saxena, meanwhile, said, "We came to know from local shopkeepers, who are also members of our group, that a man had slaughtered a cow. He was caught by us - redhanded — with the animal's remains and was later handed over to the police. A complaint was lodged against those responsible for slaughtering the cow, and cops have

Qureshi, who lived in Asalatpur locality, is survived by wife Rizwana and three sons

assured us of strict action "

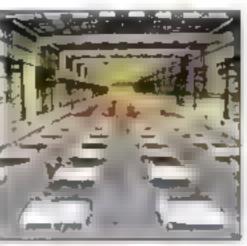
Aaram (13), Aasht (11) and Ibjaan (9) His body was sent for postmortem on Monday night and the burial was completed by Tuesday morning.

After Covid lessons, India readying 13 new quarantine centres at int'l airports

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New Delhi: India is readying L) new quarantine centres at international points of entry (airports). These centres will be used for isolating people travelling from other countries who have symptoms of a disease with the potential to cause an outbreak

According to health ministry sources, the building of quarantine centres is being funded by the PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM ABHIM), a special programme launched by PM Modi in 2021 'The measures under the scheme focus on developing capacities of health systems



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and institutions across the continuum of care at all lev els viz. primary, secondary, and tertiary and on preparing health systems in responding effectively to the current and future pandemics/disasters," a ministry official said

Quarantine is the separation and restriction of move-

ment or activities of persons who are not ill but who are believed to have been exposed to infection, for the purpose of preventing transmission of diseases.

Experts say the pandem to in which hundreds of people travelling from countries affected by the disease outbreak had to be quarantined. underscored the need for strengthening quarantine facilities and developing protocols to prevent such diseases from spreading

An expert group constituted by Niti Aayog to prepare a framework for future pandemic preparedness has also suggested enacting separate legislation to handle public health crises.

HC stays 'bias' probe against **IIM-B** faculty

Bengaluru Karnataka HC Tuesday stayed investigation against faculty members of In dian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM B) in an FIR fil ed by a Dalit associate professor at the B-school over alleged caste discrumination until next hearing in Jan second week.

"While the Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement can prosecute a person for fraudu lently obtaining a caste certifi cate, it has no authority to in vestigate allegations of harass ment against a person belonging to SC/ST," the high court said. The petitioners' advocate argued Gopal Das' claim that petitioners had revealed his SC status was false, as he had mentioned it in his CV. THE



Case against Kerala MLA son: Official shifted

Alappuzha: P.J Jayaraj, excise deputy commissioner in Kerala's Alappuzha, has been shifted to Malappuram with only five months to go for his retirement, two days after governing CPM MLA U Prathibha's son and eight others were booked for allegedly possessing and smokinggan a (cannabis).

Kayamkulam MLA Prath ibha denied the allegations against her son. But the transfer of Jayaraj on Monday has invited criticism given that Jayaraj had assumed charge in Alappuzha only three months ago and had taken strong action against toddy shops run by benami owners. TNN



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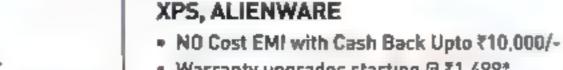
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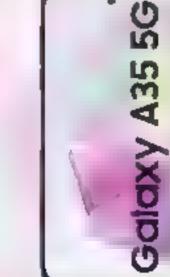
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PROVISION OF ELEPHANT INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM

Tender Notice No. N 12 HQ 2024-25. Open E-lenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work Tender No: N 12 HQ IDS 2024 25 Name of work. Provision of Elephant ntrusion Detection System for detection of elephant movements with tracking and Level crossing elerts to increase Safety and capacity enhancement over N F Railway in Lumding and Tinsulus Division. Advertised Value: ₹37 96 62 821 53 Earnest Money: ₹20,48,400,00: E-tender will be closed at 15.00 hrs. on 24-01 2025 The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.irepa.gov.in

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For and on behalf of the President of India E-Tenders on "Two Packet System" are invited from the Firms/ Agencies Contractors of repute having technical expertise and financial solvency for the following work

(I) GeM Bid No. & Date Gem Bid No. GEM. 2024/B/5758434 Dated 28.12.2024. (kg Name of work with its location and completion period. On Board Services (i.e. On Board Housekeeping Service & Linea distribution) in Special trains originaling from Dhanbad division for one year Completion period -1 Years. (III) Approxi Cost of the work \$4,26.64.558.84 , Rupees four crores twenty six takha sixty-four thousand five hundred fifty eight and paise eighty four) only (Iv) Earnest Money to be deposited ₹3,63,400.00 (Rupees three rakh aixty three

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published in January-2025 Following additional e-auction date is added in published e-auction dates of January-2025 in which the remaining ots of the auction he d on 27 December-24 will be auctroned. No naw lot will be put up for auction Additional e-Auction dates 03 January-2025, Jurisdiction of lots Sr DMM/BSB Other e-Auction dates and terms and conditions as published vide Auction Notice No. 15/2024-25 will remain unchanged. This notice is also available on NE Railway website on www.ner.ind.anradways.gov.in. Principal Chief Materials Manager

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date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. \$J.No.-1 Tender No.

E-KGP-WEST-39-2024 Description of work: Miscellaneous P Way (Zonal)/Track

works from Km 128 to Km 233,20 in Kharagpur-Talanagar section for the period up

to 30 9.2025 under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Jhargram, Tender Value: ₹ 9.73.47.351 92

Earnest Money ₹ 6,36 700 St.No.-2 Tender No., E-KGP-South-48-2024, Description

of work. Repair of several Level Crossing Roads to between Kharagpur-Bhadrak

section under Sr. DEN/South/Kharagour, Tender Value: € 1.97.09.718.12. Earnest

Money ₹ 2,48,600 St.No.-3 Tender No. E-KGP-South-50-2024. Description of

work' Repairing of cess with piling in Betnoti-Baripada-Bangriposi section under the

urisdiction of ADEN/Balasors, Tander Value: ₹ 4.85.39 245.70, Earnest Money

₹ 3.92 700 St No.-4 Tender No., E-KGP-South-51-2024. Description of work Provision of Deep Tube Well. Hand Tube Well and Tank staging with pipe line work

and construction of pump house at Haldipada, Nilgal road. Bahanagabazar, Markona

platform in Rupsa-Ranital section under ADEN/Balasore 3rd Calt) Tender Value

52-2024 Description of work Replacement of existing piped bridges ,10 nos.) i

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Call). Tender Value: ₹ 4,82 92.883 82. Earnest Money: ₹ 3,91 500. \$I.No.-6. Tender

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E-KGP-HQ-45-2024. Description of work: Strengthening of embankment and Canvas

Drain- 10208 metre in Panskura-Haldra & Tamluk-Digha section under the jurisdiction

of ADF N/Tamluk, Tender Value: ₹ 29,21.62,779 82. Earnest Money: ₹ 16.10 800

St.No. 8. Tender No.: E-KGP-EAST-55-2024. Description of work: Execution of

work of construction of a new 60 bedded running room at Shalimar station under the

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Division, Tender Value: ₹ 50,98.663.64 Earnest Money ₹ 1,02.000 Tender Document

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Cops bust meth cartel in Chennai, seize drugs worth ₹22cr, arrest 10

Anti-Narcotics Intelligence Unit busted a methampheta mine (meth) manufacturing and peddling cartel, arrested 10 suspects & seized 17.815kg of the drug valued at Rs 22 crore in the international market — besides attaching assets worth Rs 5 crore, reports Selvaraj A

The key suspect among the edunjudicial custody.

Chennai: Chennai Police's ose arrested is a Class 10 dropout, Lakshmi Narasimhan, a meth cook convicted earlier ma ketamine smuggling case Narasımhan - who was arrested by an ANIU team in Madurai had been prepar ang meth on the terrace of a house in Virudhnagar since early this year. The ten arrest ed persons have been remand-

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ODISHA COMPUTER APPLICATION CENTRE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Eng.No.:- OCAC-NEGP-INFRA-0018-2024-24089

Odisha Computer Application Centre (OCAC) invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Agency for Facility Management Services (FMS) for OSWAN Project. For details please visit websites www.ocac.in & www.odisha.gov.in The bid shall be submitted in electronic mode only in the portal https://enivida.odisha.gov.in latest by 22.01.2025, 02:00 PM. OCAC reserves the right to accept/ reject any/ all bids without assigning any reason thereof General Manager(Admin), OCAC, Plot No -N-1/7-D, Acharya Vihar, P.O.-RRL, Bhubaneswar-751013. Ph.-2567280/ 2567064/ 2567295

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION **CORPORATION LIMITED** (A Govt. of A.P Undertaking)

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MIT No.610001111 APGENCO invites Online tenders for "Dr.NTTPS-Stage-III-Ash Pond-Providing rock too with graded filters at EL(+) 40.00M and Strengthening of Bund No.II with homogeneous soil(gravel) between EL(+)40.00M to EL(+)45 00M from Ch.530M to Ch.1400M" through APGENCO e-Procurement piatform. Bid Start date & time: 02-01-2025, 5:00PM Bid Submission closing date & time: 20,01,2025, 3.30 PM. Technical RFx Response Opening Date & time: 27 01 2025 at 3.00 PM for further details visit: www.apgenco.gov.in

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or (https://etender.apgenco.gov.in/irj/portal), Phone: (0866)

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	C. Provision of new pipe lines and improvement of water supply arrangement/PVC tanks in tieu of worn out pipe lines at Sewa Nagar colony. Chanakyapuri officer's Enclave. Lapat Nagar Colony. Sarojini Nagar railway colonies & Repair to camp office at MR and MSOR in the section of under ADEN/E-III. D Repair to side plaster and exterior white wash from outside in SP Marg BRSQ in the section of SSE-W/SP Marg under ADEN/E-III.
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Closing date of tender on 21.01.2025 Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender at 15:00 hrs.

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JALGAON CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

E-Tender Notice No.565 for 2024-25 (Extension No.04)

E-Tender is invited for the work of Jalgaon City Water Supply Project under Centrally Sponsored Amrut 2.0. Tender schedule of above notice is extended up to 06.01 2025 due to issued corrigendum No.03 on portal. Other conditions will remain same as per published notice on https://mahatenders.gov.in.

Date: 30.12 2024

Sd/-(Dnyaneshwar Dhere) Commissioner and Administrator Jalgaon City Municipal Corporation Jalgaon

TOURISM CORPORATION OF **GUJARAT LIMITED (TCGL)**

(A Government of Gujarat undertaking) Udyog Bhavan, Block No. 16, 4th Floor, Sector-11, Gandhinagar - 382 011 Website: https://www.gujarattourism.com

• TENDER NOTICE =

Bids are invited from reputed and expenenced parties towards "Selection of an Agency for Operation & Maintenance of National Salt Satyagrah Memorial (NSSM) and Saifee Villa at Dandi, Gujarat".

The project requirements, technical specifications, eligibility criteria. selection process, etc. are included in the Tender documents, which shall be available for download from the websites: https://tender.nprocure. com/ and https://www.quiaratteurism.com from 01/01/2025 onwards The last date for online submission of the Technical and Financial Bid is 15/01/2025 up to 6:00 pm. and physical submission of Technical Bid on y is 17/01/2025 up to 3:00 pm.

Managing Director

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, BHOPAL Saket Nagar, Bhopal-462020 (India) NIT No. AIIMSBHOPAL-TENDER/NIT/24-25/012 Date: 31/12/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) AllMS Bhopal invites e-Tender from registered manufactures/dealers/ distributors/Contractors for below mentioned items.

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E-Tender ID No.	Required Items/Services at AllMS Bhopal	Est. Cost						
09/NIT/CIVIL/ABEU/ AIIMS/BPL/2024-25	External Development and Maintenance Works Including Boundary Wall /External Water Supply (CPVC/P-PR/Gi) of Entire Campus at AllMS Bhopal.	Not Disclosed						
AIIMS/BPL/USG/ OBGY/24/GTE/053	SITC of Advance USG Machine with Shear Wave Elastography and Contrast Enhancement	50,00,000/-						
AllMS/BPL/Rule- 166(iii)/Precision Medicine /24-25/005	Notice Inviting Tender for Procurement of Consumables for Precision Medicine under PAC	22,56,224/-						
AHMS/BPL/HPC/ DENTAL CONSUMABLES/ 2024-25/010	Tender for Rate Contract For Supply of Dental Consumables for Department of Dentistry at AlIMS Bhopal.	95,00,000/-						
AllMS/BPL/Stide Scanner/24/GTE/052	SFTC of Digital Slide scanning System with Research Grade Microscope or Image Analysis Software	2,40,00,000/-						

For further details of the above e-Tenders, the prospective bidders may please visit email: www.ailmsbhopal.edu.in and seoffice@aiimsbhopal.edu.in. spso@aiimsbhopal.edu.in Tenders may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in and CPP Portal_www.eprocure.gov.in, Any corrigendum/ amendments related to this NIT shall be published in the

Vc Senior Procurement Cum Store Officer For & On behalf of Director, AIIMS Bhopal.

On its 20th anniv, Quad reiterates support for free & open Indo-Pacific

Next Summit Of Grouping In India This Year

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Quad foreign ministers issued a joint statement Tuesday to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Quad cooperation, reaffirming commitment to a free and open Indo Pacific and to working together in responding to the future needs of the region

As four partners, India, Australia, Japan and the US under the Quad mechanism share a vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific that is peaceful, stable, and prosperous, underpunned by effec-

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Tender Notice No.: PCMM/CTW/HWH E Procurement/24/73 Dated, 27 12:2024 CMM CLW HWH on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following Tender's is for supply of materials for nanofacture of fractine Locomonive. The Prospective tikely suppliers are requested to look up the website www.areps.gus.au for detailed instructions. These are E Tenders only electronic ofter bids shall be accepted. St. Nu. [352]. Tender No. 1242924A, Description of Stores Conting Siceve 6.3 X 0.8 as per pecification no. CIW FS 3:0643 C Fasson Ling 6 3 X 0.8 CL' SN As Per speen No CLW ES 3-0643/C Outantity 15 Per lender/Document Due On 15 01 3025 Tender Cost # 0,00.

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on the procurement portal https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.or.https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in

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PM Modu tweeted this picture from his iconic moments of 2024 along with Quad leaders in Wilmington, USA

tive regional institutions. According to the statement, the ministers reaffirmed "unwa vering support" for Asean's centrality and unity as well as mainstreaming and implementation of the Asean Outlook on the Indo Pacific.

"We respect Pacific-led regional architecture, fore most the Pacific Islands Forum. We are also steadfast in our support for the Indian Ocean Run Association, the

4 workers die of burns in

Gujarat plant accident:

spilling out due to equipment

failure at AM/NS India's plant

at Hazira in Surat on Tuesday.

"Four workers of a private

maintenance on an elevator

nearby were embroded in the

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impact and could not

survive." a company

spokesperson said. One

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Spokesperson added. TNN

region's premier organisa tion," said the statement

The joint statement is significant for India as it prepares to host the next Quad summit in 2025. While there have been concerns about the incoming Trump administration's commit ment to alliances and part nerships, foreign minister S Jaishankar has expressed confidence Trump will continue to support Quad like

he did during his first term as president. Amid growing Chinese assertiveness in the region, successive US presidents have backed Quad, While the grouping was revived under Trump with meetings at the level of foreign ministers, his successor Joe Biden upgraded Quad to the summit level

Twenty years ago, as the statement recaded, in response to the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsu nami, Australia, Ind.a. Japan and the US came together in service to the people of the region for the first time as the grouping now known as the Quad. The tsunami was one of the worst disasters in history, claiming the lives of nearly a quarter million people and displacing 1,7 million across 14 countries,

Four contractual workers died of severe burns caused by extremely hot raw material

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judicial magistrate first class (JMFC) in Mehsana The victim testified in 2018, explicitly stating that she was 15 years old at the time of the alleged offence. It was only in 2024, when all the evidence had been documented and final arguments were imminent, that the public prosecutor brought to the court's notice that Pocso sections 11 and 12 should have been invoked and the case should be transferred to a special sessions court Subsequently, Poeso charges

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HC slams probe agency for 'casual approach'

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resulted in the issuance of a warrant against the accused, who approached the investigating HC through advocate Keval esheet under IPC and Maharaja for quashing of trial commenced before a the FIR and the case as well as against the invocation

> of Pocso charges. Justice Sandeep Bhatt sought clarification from the prosecutors, investigators and the court regarding such an oversight.

After their responses to the court's queries, the judge stated that no action had been taken by the learned assistant public prosecutor nor had cogni sance of such fact been taken by the learned presiding officer conducting the trial. Even the defence has failed to potat out the relevant aspects before the concerned court" The high court er attetsed the in vestigating agency for its

> "casual approach ' and for conducting the investigation in a "mechanical manner".

The HC declined to quash the case but permitted the accused to pursue their issue before a Poeso court.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM

No: C-6/STBA/Policy-II/2018 The tender for the appointment of "Station Ticket Boolung Agent" for NSG-4, NSG-5 & NSG-6 category stations in the jurisdiction of Northern Railway. Delhi Division is to be opened on 22 01 2025 at 15 10 hrs. Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA) of NSG-4 and NSG-5 category stations to Noti, Modinegar, Baraut and Pataudi Rosc respectively will be appointed for Night Shift only whereas for NSG-8 category stations STBA will be appointed for all shifts. All other terms and conditions will remain

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6th Floor, Lily Trade Wing, Jahangirabad, Bhopal, (M.P.) India Pincode: 452008. Web.: www tourism mp gov in **'EXPRESSION OF INTEREST'**

NIT & SYSTEM No. PROJECT NAME NIT No.: 7815/ "Expression of Interest (EOI) for MPTB/2024 and Creation, Operation, Upkeep, and Stewardship of the "Phoolbagh SYSTEM No 2024 MPTB_ Experience Zone"- A Premier Tourism Destination In Gwalior Under Swadesh 392080 dated 31 12.2024 Darshan 2,0 Scheme. NIT No.: 7815/ "Expression of Interest (EOI) for

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392085 dated Through Ghat of Chrtrakoot" 31 12.2024 MPTB invites offers from agencies for Selection of Agency for Creation, Operation, Upkeep, And Stewardship of The "Phoolbagh Experience Zone" A Premier Tourism Destination In Gwalior And "Spiritual Experience Through Ghat of Chitrakoot" Under Swadesh Darshan 2 0 Scheme. The detailed Terms & Conditions can be downloaded from

https://www.mptenders.gov.in/www.tourism. mp.gov.in For any other information please contact Mob. No. +91-9407057416 or E-mail at cs.mptb@mp.gov.in. Last Date and Time for Online Purchase and submission of the Eol is 10.02.2025 at 3:00 PM.

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e-Tender Notice

e-Bids are invited in Two bid system (1) Technical Bid and (2) Price Bid from reputed & genuine Manufacturers/Importers Firms only for executing a rate contract of "Supply of Leftout Surgical Consumables" for a period of two years vide-tender No. PGUHRF/Surg-849/2024-25

The detailed terms and conditions such as Tender Fees & EMD of the NIT are available in the e-Bid document uploaded on e-tender portal http://etender.up.nic.in and website of the institute www.sgpgi.ac.in. w.e.f. 06.01 2025. The offer will be accepted Online only on e-lender portal with terms & conditions as mentioned in tender document

 Last date & time of submission of e-bid 05.02 2025 upto 1600 HRS. Date & Time for opening of e-bid: 06.02.2025 at 1200 HRS.

The Director reserves the right to accept or reject any offer partially or fully without assigning any reason.

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PUBLIC NOTICE The Haryana Government proudly announces the

38th Surajkund International Crafts Mela-2025, scheduled to be held from 7th to 23th February 2025 at Surarkund, Faridabad. Applications are now invited from craftspersons registered with Handlooms/Handicrafts (Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi) and NGOs actively working in the field of handicrafts, handloom, and the promotion of traditional arts and crafts. This is a unique opportunity to showcase and promote your artistry on an international platform. The selection of Participants will be based on merit, as assessed by the Screening Committee chaired by GM/HTC, and the decision of the committee will be final. Interested participants are encouraged to submit their applications through the official portal at https://surajkundmela.co.in/statlbooking html. Please note that applications submitted in any other form will not be accepted. The last date for submission is 15th January 2025, by 5:00 PM, and duplicate submissions will not be considered.

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'Chapterise' your career to not allow breaks to define you

By Saundarya Rajesh

The year 2025 marks the silver jubilee of women's urban labour force participation crossing the double-digit mark There is however a long way to go for women to elevate

their careers and achieve

long-term success. Let's cal. it opti-boosting - a way to build on your strengths and giving your career and life, a big boost of optimisation, Here are the opti boost ideas to make 2025 a special year for career success.

Embrace your 'ikigai': Ikigai is a Japanese concept that means 'a reason for being' representing the intersection of what you love, what you are good at, what the world needs, and what you can be paid for, le-

ading to a fulfilling and purposeful life. Think deep and examine what is at the intersection of your passion and economic security. You are not defined by one identity -have a portfolio of self.

Try the pre-mortem: While it soundsmorbid, pre-mortem is a process of imagining the worst and becoming super resilient and comfortable dealing with it. Manju of Pondicherry imagined that her career had failed and then worked backwards to identify potential risks. When she landed a challenging assignment, she approached it with more confidence as she had already anticipated what might go wrong

Chapterising career: View your career as a series of short-term. manageable chunks, rather than one overwhelming journey. This



approach comes in handy when you are seeking a second career or need to take a break. Rashmi, a software engineer from Erode to ok a break in career but refused to

let that define her She called it the break-chapter and then got back into the workforce within 2 years.

Stay intentional: Career Intentionality is the bedrock of your success. Finding ways to make sure that you are back in the game af ter every setback and focusing on your professional portfolio are crucial steps. Learn the next thing about your craft, your specialisation, or your area of expertise. The world is constantly growing and you must know what you must aim for next. Staying informed

not just about industry trends but also about the dialogue in your space is crucial

Make way for guru: Seeking and landing a mentor who provides valuable guidance to you in every career cross-section can build and strengthen your career Mentors support you during both persona. and professional decision making and are also sounding boards, sharing advice from their own lives.

Become a beginner: We stay resiltent whenever we push the ego

to the margins and approach challenges with humility, like a beginner. Be curious and approach tasks with an open mind and a willingness to learn

Earlier generations of women focused on repair correcting the wrongs and making them right They focused on cleaning the system, Standing on their strong shoulders here's wishing that you will be an advocate for yourself and be bold in claiming your accomplishments.

> (The writer is founder president of Autar)

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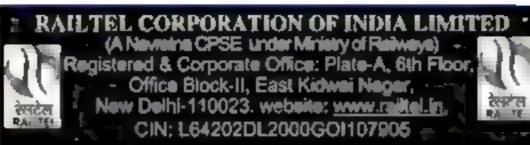
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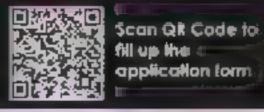
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Pinarayi slams Maha neta for calling Kerala mini-Pak

T'puram: Kerala CM Pina rayi Vijayan condemned Tuesday Maharashtra minis ter Nitesh Rane's recent comments referring to the southern state as a "mini-Pakis tan". Calling the statement "provocative and condemna ble," Pinaravi said it reflects Sangh Parivar's intent to alienate regions where they

Murder-accused's party: CPM in spot

✓ erala's governing CPM, on () the defensive after many of its functionaries were recently found guilty in Periya dou- b e-murder case in Kasaragod, has courted another controversy after its top functionaries from Kannur attended Tuesday the house-warming function of a party worker convicted of a BJP activist's murder. CPM Kannur d strict secretary MV Jayarajan. state committee member P Jayarajan and others attended the house-warming of K Sreejith, prime accused and one of the convicts in 2008 murder of BJP activist Nikhil Malayattu. TNN

struggle to gain influence

' Sangh Parivar spreads ha tred and alienation to margin alise areas that challenge their tdeology," the CM said, questioning the suitability of BJP's Rane for his position, Vijayan also criticised BJP brass for failing to accress what he termed a serious violation of constitutional values.

Congress general secretary KC Venugopal also denounced Rane's remarks, accusing BJP of harbouring animosity towards Kerala, "Calling Kerala 🗄 a 'mini-Pakistan' is a disgraceful attack on a state recognised globally for its excellence in education, healthcare, and communal harmony," he posted on X. Rane's comments were made during a rally in Pune's Purandar tehsil Sun-

day, the agencies

6 launches in first 6 months: A busy 2025 ahead for Isro

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New Delhi: 2025 is set to be a busy and important calen dar year for Isro as space minister Jitendra Singh an nounced on Tuesday that half-a-dozen big-ticket missions have been lined up for launches in the first half of the new year that will in clude sending a female robot to space as a prelude to the fi nal Gaganyaan manned mission and launching the world's most expensive Indo-US co-produced earth imaging NISAR satellite.

During a press meet to list India's space achievements in 2024 and informing about upcoming launches. Singh said Isro will first launch an advanced navigation satellite NVS-02 in Jan. The GSLV launch will mark Isro's 100th mission.



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Thereafter, Isrowill send Vvommitra, a female humanoid built by Isro, to space as part of the unmanned Gaganyaan mission, This will prelude the manned mission and will be exactly similar to the final manned mission, except for humans, "Once everything goes right in Vyommitra mission. astronauts will be sent to space," the minister said

He also said the Indo-US joint mission NASA ISRO SAR (NISAR) Satellite, which

is considered to be the world's most expensive satellite at Rs 12,505 crore, will be launched around March. "This satellite will scan nearly all land and ice every 12 days and will have very high resolution," the minister said.

Singh also said Isro was

born in 1969 when the US was

busy sending humans to the Moon. But now the situation has changed as Isro is launch ing US satellites as he refers to the upcoming commercial launch of a satellite for an American customer, which will be used for mobile communication. "We have the LVM3-M5 mission scheduled for the first quarter for an international customer India is also launching a satellite for direct mobile communication for the US by Feb or March, showcasing our evolving abil ities," the minister said

Isro chairman S Soma nath said, "2025 will be a very exciting year as Isro will launch four GSLV rockets and three PSLV launches as well as an SSLV launch in the new year "

Singh: SpaDeX mission fully indigenous

New Delhi: A day after the successful launch of SpaDeX mission, space minister Jitendra Singh Tuesday said Jan 7 is the likely date for docking of two satellites of the mission, which is "totally indigenous", reports

On X, Singh said, "India has become the fourth coun try to join select league of nations to achieve space dock ing, through its own indige nously developed 'Bharatiya Docking System "On the two smaller satellites. We will scale it up with heavier satellites and this docking technology will help us in setting Station and subsequent mis-

Surendra Singh.

satellites called 'Chaser' and "Target', Singh told the media, "This is certainly the first such mission with up the Bhartiya Antariksh

UR Rao Satellite Centre (URSC), said, explaining the sions to it." intricate sequence of events that will unfold Like twins, the satellites

will go around in the same orbit at the same speed. The mission timeline includes a four-day waiting period to achieve optimal solar orientation, crucial for generat ing sufficient power during the docking procedure.

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This is how: The launch has

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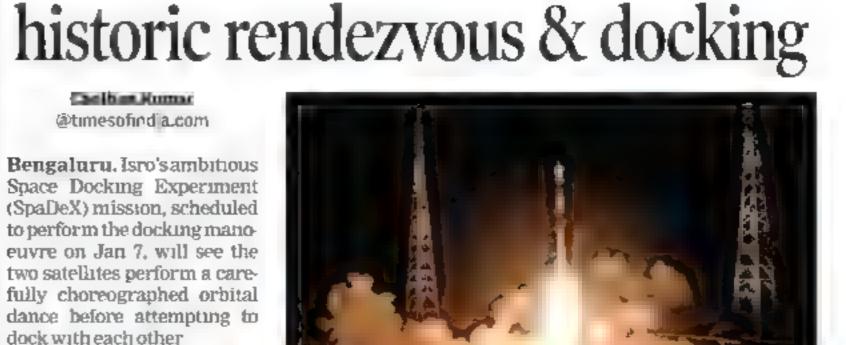
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ites," M Sankaran, director,

Once the satellites reach

"At this point again we'll initiate the drift of the two satellites so that the 20km distance is progressively reduced to 5km, 1.5km, and so on And after we reach 5km. we'll enable the intersatel literadiofrequency(RF)link so the satellites talk to each other and exchange their own position, attitude, etc. which will enable us to eval uate the software logics," Sankaran said

Several new sensors de veloped by the Laboratory



Once docked, the satellites will demonstrate power transfer capabilities, with electricity flowing from one satellite to the other to power a heater, confirming successful connection

For Electro Optics Systems (LEOS) in Bengaluru will be evaluated for their fitness to mittate the docking sequence, which will start once the inter-satellite distance is reduced to 1.5km, utilising three different guidance algorithms

Here's how Isro will attempt

The docking mechanism involves a "hugging" action. "The final approach will be particularly delicate. With a constant velocity of about 10 millimetres per second, the chaser satellite will go and enter the target satellite. The latches will be released and clamps on both sides will try

> SpaDeX mission will see the two satellites perform a carefully choreographed orbital dance before attempting to dock with each other

to grab each of the satellites," Sankaran added.

Once they hold each other together, the ring which has been extended on the chaser satellite will be retracted so that the target satellite will be pulled towards the chaser satellite and the two will become a single unit.

Once docked the satellites will demonstrate power transfer capabilities, with electricity flowing from one

satellite to the other to power a heater, confirming success ful connection. The combined unit will then be controlled by a single satellite's control system, demonstrating technology crucial for future space station operations, including India's planned Bharati Antriksh station

The SpaDeX mission represents a long journey from concept to reality "This work, as a thought experiment, started around 1989. and at the time nobody thought that this was required for us, but the tenacity was there. When the project was approved in 2016, we were able to realise it over several years," Sankaran said

The mission required extensive preparation and testing, Isro developed several testbeds to validate the mechanism as well as the docking sequence, the sensors, etc. It has been a combined effort of so many people across isro centres and the industry." Sankaran said

The successful completion of this mission would mark a significant muestone in India's space capabilities, particularly in developing technologies necessary for future space station operations and satellite servicing missions. The ability to dock spacecraft in orbit is a crucial capability possessed by only a few space-faring nations. India is now on the cusp of joining this elite group.

NIA clocked 100% conviction rate in 2024

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi National Investi gation Agency (NIA) secured a 100% conviction rate in 2024. with 68 accused convicted in the 25 cases decided by Special NIA courts across the country.

A total of 210 accused were arrested across key categories of crimes — left wing extremism. North East insur gency, Khalistani terrorism, gangster-terrorist-smuggler nexus etc — in 80 cases registered by NIA in 2024. A total 662 raids and searches were carried out by the agency across the country.

The year was marked by convictions of 68 accused (in 25)

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cases) and chargesheeting of 408 accused. NIA got 137 properties, assets worth Rs 19.57 crore attached during 2021

in terms of cases registered by NIA during the year, those linked to left wing extremism and North-East Insurgency topped the list at 28 and 18 cases respectively. Seven cases related to terrorism in J&K and four to Khalistan elements were also filed. As many as 69 of the total

in left wing extremism cases. North-East insurgency was also high on NIA's radar with 15 arrests, of which five were in two cases linked to the Independence Day boy cott call given by Paresh Ba-

ruah-led ULFA(I) in Assam

210 arrests made by NIA were

The crackdown on the growing terrorist gangster nexus was also a key high light of the year, NIA arrest ed 14 accused in connection with foreign-based Khalista ni terrorist cases during the year, which saw 101 searches

and 13 arrests in these cases The agency's agile efforts

in cracking terror cases were evident in the fact it had chargesheeted Pakistan-based Babbar Khalsa International (BKI)chtef Wadhawa Singh@ Babbar and five others in the murder of VHP leader Vikas Prabhakar @ Vikas Bagga in Purpab within months of the attack. Similarly, 10 accused, including foreign-based terrorist Goldy Brar, were expeditiously chargesheeted in the case pertaining to firing for

NIA scaled up its operations multifold in 2024. cracking the Rameshwaram cafe blast case within months.

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Govt, guidelines applicable for Reserved Categories For Application Format and all other details, please see Advertisement on our website- https://alasl.in/Recruitment & https://www.araht.m/Careers.aspx



Name of the post

Eligibility Criteria

and Experience

ENGAGEMENT OF INTERNAL OMBUDSMAN ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS

INTERNAL OMBUDŞMAN

Please visit career page of

www.indianbank.infor

Mode of application	Offline application as per the prescribed format uploaded in career page of Banks' website www.indianbank.in
Age	Maximum 65 years as on 01.12.2024
Application Co.	₹ 100/- (inclusive of GST) for SC/ST/PwBD candidates.
Application Fee	₹ 1000/- (inclusive of GST) for all other Candidates
Last date of receipt of application	27.01.2025

full details Chief General Manager Place: Chennai (CDO / CLO) Date: 31.12.2024

युको बैंक 🔞 UCO BANK (A Govt of India Undertaking) ADV NO.: HO/HRM/RECR/2024-25/COM-70 Dated: 27 12 2024 JCO Bank, a Leading Public Sector Bank, Invites Online Applications for the Following Positions on Regular Basis Position

S. No. Vacuncies JMG\$ 1 02 Economist JMGS-I 02 Fire Safety Officer 08 **JMG5-4** Security Officer 10 MMGS-H Risk Officer MMGS-II IT Officer 21 Chartered Accountant MMG5-II Application Start Date 27" December 2024 Application End Date 20" January 2025

For detailed advertisement and application, please visit our website https://ucobank.com under "Career" section. Candidates meeting the requisite eligibility criteria may apply online only through the link available on Bank a website.

General Manager Place Kolkela **Human Resource Management** Corrigendi, m. if any will be posted on the Bank's website only Current Juris Bearing ar | Henours Your Trust

Mitule of Cost Accountants of India

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India is a statutory body enacted by the Parkament under the Cost Accountants Act, 1959 to regulate and develop the profession of Cost and Management Accountancy in India. The Institute is governed by the Council, responsible for the effairs of the institute and for discharging the functions under the Cost Accountants Act, 1959 having its Headquarters at Kolkela. Office at New Delhi, 4 Regional Councils at Mumbai. Chennal: Kolkata and New Delhi, 117 Chapters and 11 overseas centers. The Institute is looking for high profile and multi-faceled personality with readership qualities, excellent communication interpersonal and motivational skills for the position of

Name of the Position No. of Post Servor Officer For further details and Application Form please log on to. https://www.lcmai.in.

The form duty filled in along with supporting documents should be submitted

through online mode only, on or before 31" January, 2025 till 6 p.m.

स्थाओ प्रशास भूभवजी पोर्ट, कोलकाता William . Syama Prasud Mookerjee Port, Kolkata Symmety SOLEATA PORT TRUST) takila Dock Complex. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust) is ooking for professionals for engagement against the following position, on contract basis **Essential Criteria** Remuneration the Post per month i) 1" Cleas degree in any discipline from a recognized Assistant Menager University institution (MRL). PAIR DH. if) Full time regular Master of Business Administration HDC, Haldin with specialisation in Human Resource Management with managen 50% marks Full time requiar Post Graduate Degree / Post Graduate Diploma in Personnel Management or in Human Resource Management with minimum 60% marks. The qualification is to be acquired from a recognized University Institution. For more details, last date of application and to apply as per prescribed format (in Hard

Copies only), visit "Job Openings" of SMP-K websits at follow: James sementically to be

Shree Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel **Rotary General Hospital** 100 Beded multispeciality hospital based at Ankleshwar,

Gujarat is looking for following staff • Cardiac Surgeon(CTVS) • Cardiac Anaesthetic Orthopedic Surgeon
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Send your Resume / CV on ; contact@sardarpatelhospital.com hr@serdarpatelhospital.com Mo. No: 7227038842 Address: Station Rd, Opp. Railway Yard, Chiku Wadi, Ankleshwar, Gujarat - 393001.





Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority lot No.-01 Sector KP-IV, Greater Noids City-201391, G.B. Nagar U.F Website: www.greaternoideauthority.in E-mail ID: authority@gnide.in

Ref. Proj./OSD(Elect.)2024/E&M-2/748/

Date : 30/12/2024 Expression of Interest

Expression of Interest (EOI) for the beautification (Decorative Lighting) of various Entry & Exit Points and important Location of Greater Noida City

1. Introduction Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) invites expression of interest (EOI) from reputed & competent agency/firm for the beautification (Decorative Lighting) of various Entry & Exit Points and important Location of Greater Noida City

Scope of work The Scope of work includes but is not limited to

- a) Innovative Lighting Design
- Aesthetic Architectura, lighting design Design of righting Control system
- Lighting and control circuit details Preparation of conceptual lighting design

Provision of Safeguarding of infrastructure to its maximum

- Submission of detail 800 and preparation with Occuments
- Execution of work at site under engineer in charge supervision Tentative Project Cost:

To be decided after evolution of received EOI's by competing authority 4. Eligibility Criteria:

Min 05 Years of experience in similar nature of lighting works. Successfully completed at least 03 projects of similar nature and complexity each costing not less than Rs. 01 Crore, or 2 Project costing net less than 02 Crores, or one project costing not less than Rs. 03 Crore.

Financial Capability Average Annual tumover of at leat 01 crore in the last 03 financial years Solvency certificate of at least 05 crores from a scheduled bank.

6. Technical Capability: Adequate resources, including equipment & manpower

Valid Govt, registration for similar works. Submission requirement:

- nterest agency/firm should submit the following documents Cover letter expressing interest.
- Organizationa profile, including company registration details. Details of past projects (work order completion certificates) of the
- Audited financial statements for the last 03 financial year
- Solvency certificate as issued by the competent authority
- **GST registration & PAN Details** Declaration of No Brack Listing.
- Evaluation Process
- The submitted EOI's will be evaluated based on Financia: Capability - 20 marks (maximum)
- Technica Capability 10 marks (maximum) Experience in similar type lighting works
- 05-07 Years 20 marks. 07-10 Years - 25 marks

10 Years & above - 30 marks (maximum) d) Presentation (40 marks maximum) -

Interested agency will arrange for a presentation, displaying work. done in the past of a similar nature projecting aesthetics in lighting structure/lighting in accordance with 4st attached and clarifying the financial/cast evaluation for the each as described by the agency (25 marks maximum)

As wet as the presentation will focus on how maximum utilizability of the proposed infrastructure (includes safety & security of the infrastructure against thefts and damages) can be achieved (15 marks max mum)

9. Important Date

- a, Issue date of EOI 01-01-2025 b) Pre-submission Meeting 15-01 2025
- Last date of submission of EOI (including presentation):
- Address for submission. Proposals should be submitted to the E & M department via € Mail (smwcem2@gnida in)
- e. Evaluation Dated 31-01-2025 General terms & Condition:
- a) GNIDA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI's without
- assigning any reasons. The EOI doesn't constitute a commitment to award the contract. Any faise or misleading information will result in disqualification.
- For further details or clarification interested firms/ agencies can contact the E & M Department of GN DA

Contact Person: - Saurabh Bhardwari (Mob. 8279533268)

(Abhishek Pathak)

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Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (An Autonomous body under the Ministry of Environment, 4 Ferest and Climate Change, Government of India) F.O. New Ferest, Debradun – 246 895, INDIA

Applications for the Post of Consultant/01 (Contractual)

indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) invites applications for the post of consultant (01) for the purpose of updating, managing, mondoring and report generation in MIS and afted works under the 'Green Credit Programme' (GCP) for a

The detailed advertisement with the format and necessary documents required for application are available on ICFRE website (www.jcfre.gov.in/recruitment). The last date of receipt of applications is 21 days from the date of publication of the advertisement. Applications should be sent to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Green Credit Celt). Room No. 24. Indian Council for Forestry Research and Education (Hg), P.O. New Forest Dehradun -248006

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Green Credit Cell), ICFRE



King George's Medical University, UP, Lucknow Shahmeena Road, Chowk, Lucknow-226093 Hospital Revolving Fund -

(E-mail: hgmuhrhender2021@gmail.com) E-Tender Notice

KGMU HRF invites on-line E-Tenders for implant and its accessones of various deptl. i.e. Notice No.76/KGMU/HRF/2024 (Orthopaedics /Sports Medicine /Paediatric orthopaedics), 77/KGMJ/HRF/2024 (Intra Oral & Maxiliofacial implant materials), 78/KGMU/HRF/2024 (Ophthalmic implants). 79/KGMJ/HRF/2024 (CTVS & E.N.T. Implants), 80/KGMJ /HRF/2024 (Spine & Neuro Surgical Implants), 81/KGMU/HRF/2024 (Entire Range of Suture Material) dated 30-12-2024 in two bid System (1) Technical Bid & (2) Price Bid for executing a Rate contract for a period of two years

The detailed terms and condition of the NIT is available in the E-Bid document uploaded on E-tender portal www.etender.up.nic.in and website of the University www.kgmu.org w.e f - 31 12 2024 vide above E-tender Notice No.

Reguted Genuine Manufacturer/Importer company are requested to submit their bid online for each respective tender as per details given along with that tender

The offer will be accepted online only on e-tender portal with terms and conditions as menboned in lander document on or before -29 01,2025 till

The Vice-Chancellor reserves the night to accept or reject any offer partially of fully without assigning any reason. Chairman K.G.M.U. H.R.F.



- - . - JAMMU & KASHMIR POLICIE. Police station Cyber Crime Investigation Centre for Excellence, 3" Floor, Crime Branch, Channi Ramma, Jammu, J&K.

Email id . pscice.imu@jkpolice.gov.in Ph. no. 9103387076 LOOK OUT NOTICE



The public in general is hereby informed through medium of this LOOK OUT NOTICE that the present whereabouts of the person whose photograph is pasted above is required for the purpose of investigation in case FIR No 03/2022 U/S 420/120-B IPC r/w 66-D IT Act P/S CICE Jammu registered at Police Station, CICE, Crime Branch, Jammu. His alleged name and particulars are as under .-

Parentage Address

Manor Kumar Sukhdev Prasad Singh R/O C-29 Street No. 4 Durga Mandir Wali Gali Ankur Enclave Karawal Nagar Near DLF New-Deffy.

Religion Age Sex Height Colour Face Appearance

100 37 years (Approx.)

Oval shape face

Anybody having any information about the whereabouts of above menboned person may please contact the office of Sr. Superintendent of Police CICE, Crime Branch Jammu personally or may share the information on Email ID psace.jmu@jkpolice.gov.in or Mobile No. 9103387076 or Mobile No. 8492945872 of Investigating Officer

Sr. Superintendent of Police CICE, Crime Branch, Jammu. DIP No:DIPIJ-8741/24/30/12/2024



The EPC work tenders invited vide Tender Notice No.09/SE (P-WZ)/GHMC/2024-25 Dated: 21-12-2024, (Item No's, 1, 2 &3) held cancelled. Address of the officer concerned Srt. G. Sree Lakshmi, SE(P-WZ) Superitriending Engineer (Projects-WZ) GHMC. Superintending Engineer (Projects-WZ), Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad. Further details can be seen at 'e' Procurement https://www.tender.eprocurement.gov.in.

Sdl-. Supentriending Engineer (Projects-WZ) GHMC

HORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice Sr. DEE/TRD/Agra for & on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender"

through an -line only (e-Tendering) for the following work: Tender No. : AGCTRDT202426 Approximate Cost : Re. 15207556/-Harmo of work: Replacement of Contact wire having Brazing Joint by joint less. contact wire over MTJ-PWL&IDH-TDL Sections of Agra Division (Phase I) Earnest Money: Re. 220000/-Period of completion: Twelve months

1. For full dolain & submission of the bid please see the Indian Rathway website www.inspe.gov.in. 2. Tender can poly be autmitted through such partial "www.treps.gov.in" up for 1 hill Hex. no date 2010 1925. 2192524 (C) NO CPRONCE (F) North austral reduces (Suprementy III) CPRONCE (Suprement)

OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (RGLC-P) (54) PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT JODHPUR Ph No. 0291-2651760 EMAIL - ace.rglc.idh.phed@rajasthan.gov.in No. ACE/RGLC-PRO/JDH/ 2024-25/ 351-385 Dated- 24/12/2024 Notice Inviting Bid (NIB No 01 /2024-25)

Work: - Execution of works related to "Water supply project for providing Raw water to MIC Rohal from RGLC* including 10 year O&M after one year Defect liability period invited from interested bidders up to 27/01/2025 and 06 00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in http://sppp.raj.nic.m) of the state and PHED department website UBN No. PHE2425WLOB07552

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R.O.No. 8521-PP/CL-4DVT-1/2074-25

ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER PHED RGLC PROJECT JODHPUR

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हामी भाषा रोड, कुलाखा, मुंबई 400005 Horm Bhabha Road, Colaba, Mumbai 400005 भारत सरकार के परमाण ऊर्जा विभाग की स्वायत संस्था एवं समविश्वविद्यालय An Autonomous Institution of the Department of Asomic Friency of Government of India and a Deemed to be University

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Invites attention to the availability of faculty positions in the Institute. For details, please visit the website http://www.tifr.res.in/positions.

कलसचिव, टीआईएफआर / Registrar, TIFR



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निरंपानपुर में सामने, न्यापन, समस्यपुर सेव, वेस्तापन- 244661 CH No - U45263UR2668GC832561 टैलीफोप- 8135-2522941, हुं-लेल - bridesi@gmail.com Date: 31/12 /2024

Ref: - 2401 / BRIDCUL- 11(5)/HR/24 Advertisement for Appointment

BRIDCUL is an undertaking of Government of Uttarakhand with a mandate for infrastructure development viz. construction of road, bridge building, repeway and other infrastructure projects within and outside the State. The previous advertisement published by the BRiDCUL wide Letter No. 1079/BRIDCUL-11(5)/HR/24 Dated 10:07 2024 and Letter No. 2002/BRIDCUL-11(5)/HR/24 Dated 13 11 2024 for the post of Project Manager (01 Post) through deputation. Candidates who had applied earlier against our previous advertisements need not required to apply again, eligible candidates will be called for interview against the advertisements.

As per approval given by Government of Uttarakhand, BRIDCUL seeks to induct professionals for the following posts on Deputation basis. S.No Name of Post No. of Posts Group Project Manager 03

Qualification, expenence, pay scale, age limit, format for application and other details concerning the advertisement may be seen/downloaded from our website http://www.bridcul.com (under the title "Recruitments"). The last date for receiving application is 15.01.2025 upto 1700Hrs. Changes if any, will be uploaded on our General Manager (HR), BRIDCUL



E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-2

The last date of submission of the E-Tender for "Procurement of 125." MVAR Reactor Online DGA, ODS IN FPS along with its accessories at 400 KV Sub-station Kashipur" against Tender Specification no P7CUL/E-Tender/C&P+i/SS-12/2024-25 is hereby extended upto 20.01 2025 15:30 Hrs. For more details please visit e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in (tender id no 2024_PTCU4_77558_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org A. other terms and conditions shall remain same

For any assistance on E-Tendering please contact +91-8899890000. RO No 2358/HQPU/PTCUL Dated: 30 12 2024 Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)

"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"

(T) IDBI BANK

IDEI BANK LIMITED Central Processing Unit, Annex Building.

Ptot No. 39/40/41, Sector 11,CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Appointment of Service Provider for Filing Form 60 TDS Reconcillation, Remittance. Filling and allied activities including consultancy for TDS on interest from Term Deposit and Cash Withdrawalfor IDBI BANK JTD Tender ref - DB-8ANK/CPU- CTDS/2025-01, DATED 01 Jan 2025

Bids are invited for abovementioned services. Bids can be submitted till 24/01/2025 by 3:00 PM. For further details & formats (complete RFP Document) please visit the Bank's web site www.idbibank.in under Nobces & Tenders section

Deputy General Manager CTDS Cell CPJ IDB Bank Ltd Mumba

KSMSCL, Bengaluru



DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO4020/24-25



No: HFW/KSMSC://FQPT/KSAPS/BSE/TND/09/2024-25 Dated 30 12 2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION Ref: 1. Tender Notification No: HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/KSAPS/ BSE/TND/09/2024-25, Dated: 30 12 2024 (IND-0185). Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under

KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF BLOOD STORAGE EQUIPMENTS FOR FIVE BLOOD STORAGE CENTRE UNDER KARNATAKA STATE AIDS PREVENTION SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 2024-25

Details regarding EMD. Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 30.12.2024 The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under kpp portal for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office. Sd/- Managing Director,

SECURE Eastern Rejection Committee Project Corporation Limits Indial Diames, J.J. Mary, Japan 198077 Tal. 9141-274007 Strait encouped on PAN AAHCE 1799H

NIB No.:- ERCPCL/14/2024-25

Corrigendum - 02

Compendum issued for the N B is as follows: Reference /Clause Now to be read as No. No. /Page Number Of Notice Inviting Bid Construction of feeder Name of Work and Construction of feeder system Site (Pg-1, S No. 1) from Khura Chainpura to system from Khura Jaisamand Arwar including Chainpura to Jaisamand Alwar including all all components with its O&M for a period of 20 years M&C ati ritiw atrenogram or Hybrid Annuity Model for a period of 20 years (ERCP-12-09-TF-7A) on Hybrid Annuity Mode (ERCP-09 TF 7A) Estimated Cost of 4230 3446 Work (NR in Crare)

These changes/ amendments may be seen on procurement porta http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & http://www.appp.raj.nic.cn/ of the state

L/BN No. ERP2425WLOB00020 Managing Director ERCPC, Japur Raj.Sarmead/C/24/9724



विहार अभियत्रण विश्वविद्यालय, पटना (अहा तल्ला, परीक्षा व्लॉक, ए०के०यू० परिसर, पीदापुर, घटना- 800001) Bihar Engineering University, Patna [6" Floor, Examination Block, AKU Campus, Mithapur, Patna-200001)



Ph.D ADMISSION NOTICE

Bihar Engineering University, Patna (BEU, Patna) invites application for admission to Ph.D Programme through University Admission Test and/or Interview for the Even Semester (January-June 2025) of the Academic Session 2024 25 under Full Time/Part-Time Ph.D Programme

The last date to submit online application form is 17.01.2025. For the detailed information please visit the website of the University http://

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PR. No.15933 (GAD) 2024-25

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Directorate of Aviation (Cabinet Secretariat Department) Patna Airport, Patna - 800014

TEL. No:- 0612-2225659, 2224423 Fax 0612 2224614 g-mall-cadbihar@bihar.gov.in Letter. No: DA(Misc.)-05-09/2024- 1272

Request for proposal

"EMPANELMENT OF NON-SCHEDULED OPERATORS/ CHARTER SERVICE PROVIDERS"

Directorate of Aviation, Cabinet Secretar at Department, Govt. of Bihar desires to empanel Non-Scheduled Operators/ Charter Service Providers of twin engine jet airplanes to meet the regulrements of the State on need basis for one year. For detail scope of work and other terms and conditions, please refer the

REP document available at http://state.b.har.gov.in/csd

Last Date for Submission of Proposals 21.01.2025 till 05:00 PM.

पूर्व में निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय

 Date of Opening of Technical & Financial Proposals 22.01.2025 at 03:00 PM. This information is available on state.blhar.gov.in/prdblhar also

PR- 15949 (C S D) 2024-25 । गरो की सार, क्यांच करे सुद्धी परिवार।

Administrative Officer Directorate of Aviation

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कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियंता लघु सिचाई प्रमण्डल औरगाबाद

H9708-2533 सुद्धि पत्र (Corregendum Letter)

इस कार्यालय हारा आमन्नण सूचना सख्या-05/2024-25 जिसका PRNO-013292 (MWRD)/2024-25 है को अपरिहार्य कारणवंश संशोधन करते हुए इसका अवधि विस्तार किया जाता है जो निम्न प्रकार है:--

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निविदा में प्रकाशित अन्य नियम एवं कर्त पूर्वत रहेगी:

कार्यपालक अभियंता

Detect-16, 12, 2024

PR. No. 015793 (MWRD) 2024-25

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विस्तृत जनकारी www.state bihar gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

रक्त की आवश्यकता पढ़ने पर लाईसेंस प्राप्त काढ वैंकों से ही रक्त प्राप्त करें। 🕻

Office of the Superintending Engineer

Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr

No-8958 /96M(Iv)-BSR Oircin/2024-25 E-Procurement Inviting Tender

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, U.P.P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following the item rate bid online through http://etender.up.nic..n from the engible and approved Contractors registered with P W.D. class as per column no. 10 below Road work Category as applied from Date 03 01 2025 to 10 01 2025 upto 12 00 Noon as per the prescribed SBD of Govt of U.P. The technical bids will be opened online on dated 10.01 2025 at 12 30 P.M. i the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day, at the same time any validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the

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1 Time a lowed for completion of Whole work is mention in col. No. 6 with including

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2 The Tender Document fee must be deposited through Internet Banking only. 3 A registered contractors have to upload Furnover certified by C.A. of last 5 years and details of maximum cost of work satisfactorily completed in last 5 years on Chanakya Software before submission of tender

Details of e-tender uproaded on http://etender.up.nic.in shall also be uproaded on UP PWD Chanakya software, before last date & time of submission of bid.

- 4 Terms & other conditions related to bid are available on http://etender.up.nic.in
- 5 in PWD technical evaluation of tenders is to be done by Prahari Software URL for Prahari is http://wms.upowd.gov.in/Prahar/.
- 8 As per GO No 17/2024/97-113/23-01 2024 23-1099/113/2023 Lok Nirman Anubhag-1 Lucknow Dt-16-01 2024. Maintenance Period of the above works will be of 5 years and Maintence Period will start from the actual date of completion of the work.

(Kanchan Singh) Executive Engineer P D., PWD,

Gautambudhnagar

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UPID 225162 dt 26 12 2024, www.upgay.nic.st

(Maneesh Verma) Superintending Engineer Bulandshahar circle, PWD Burandshahar

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CIN U40109GJ2004SGC045195 ISO 9001:2015 Certified Company Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhavan, Racecourse, Vadodara 390007 PBX: (0265) 2310582-86, www.guvnl.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) a Govt. of Gujarat Undertaking hereby invites e-tender for purchase of 600-800 MW RTC power and 500 MW in Peak hours for the period from 01.03.2025 to 30.06.2025 as per Ministry of Power (MoP), Govt. of India Guidelines dated 30.03.2016 read with amendment to the guideline notified on 21.02.2022. RFP is available at www.mstcecommerce.com from 31.12.2024. Bid has to be submitted online through DEEP Portal of MoP All terms and conditions shall be as per RFP.

Chief Finance Manager (Power Trading) Date: 31st December 2024

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA 9. DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAYA MARG, NEW DELHI - 110 002

Empanelment of Chartered Accountant firms/LLPs for the year 2025-2026 Online Applications are invited from Chartered Accountant firms/LLPs who desire to

be empanelled with the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2025-2026 for considering for appointment as auditors of Companies as per Sections 139(5) and 139(7) of the Companies Act 2013 and of Statutory Corporations/Autonomous Bodies as per the provisions of their respective Acts. Online application form along with detailed instructions in this regard will be available on the website www.cag.gov.in from 07 January 2025 to 17 February 2025 The applicant firms/LLPs will have to fill/update the data showing the status of their firm as on 01 January 2025. After filling/updating the data, the firms/LLPs will be required to generate online acknowledgement letter for the year. If the firms/LLPs fail to generate online acknowledgment letter, their application would not be considered for empanelment. The firms/LLPs will be required to submit a print out of the acknowledgement letter generated online and also hard copies of the documents in support of their online application to this office by 28 February 2025.

CBC-51101/11/0007/2425

Sr. Administrative Officer/CA-V

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Office Of The Superintending Engineer, 9th Circle Public Work Department, Dehradun

Office Of The Superintending Engineer, 9th Circle PWD, Dehradun Uttarakhand Website- http://pwd.uk.gov.in E-Mail: sepwdddun09@gmail.com

Letter No. 9694/1C-9/2024

Dated: 30/12/2024 NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

e-tender Notice (Short term)

The Superintending Engineer 9th Circle, Public Works Department, Dehradun on behalf of 'Governor of Uttarakhand' invites short term tender in two bid system for the following work. information regarding tender shall be available on https://www.uktenders.gov.in from date 04.01.2025.

Si. No.	Name of Work	Money of Tender Do		Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Period of Completion (In Month)	Contractor Category of Registration	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Under State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) Supply & Providing of different type Bailley Bridge at Rishikesh and Haldwani stores for various Division of PWD Uttarakhand for damaged and washout bridges during monsoon season in the financial Year 2024-25	45.00	120	5000 00 + 18% G S T.	03	Manufacture & Supplier of Bailley Bridge under Army / Railway / State / Center Govt./ Public Sector Undertaking.	

Government of Maharashtra Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department Office of Collector Gadchiroli (Supply Branch) E-Short Tender Notice No. 01/2024

Transportation of Paddy/CMR and Coarse-grain under MSP from various PPCs to Rice Mills and Rice Mills to Godowns for period of 2 years(2024-25) And 2025-26) in Gadchiroli District

e-mail - dsogadchiroli@gmail.com Phone No. 07132/222007/299016 No. Desk-11/Supply/A.K.-16/WS-241/2024/ Date:-28/12/2024

Collector Gadchiroli do hereby inviting online Tender from authorized Transporter for Transportation of Paddy/CMR and Coarse-grain under Minimum Support Price from various Paddy Procurement Centre to Rice Mills and rice mills to Godowns for the period of 2 years/ 4 seasons in Gadchiroli District. Tender documents can be submitted online till 03.00 hrs on 10th January 2025, Tender form & the details of tender available on the following websites http://www.mahatenders.gov.in and www. mahafood.gov.in.

Şr.	Scope of Work	Tender	Period of
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1	Transportation of Paddy/CMR and Coarse- grain under MSP from various PPCs to Rice Mills and Rice Mills to Godowns in Gadchiroli District		2 Year (4 Seasons)

Pre-Bid Conference to held on 06th January 2025 on 03:00 pm at Collector Office, (Supply), Gadehiroli with willing contractors.

DGIPR/2024-2025/5320

as detailed below.

Collector, Gadchiroli



THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Kamataka Undertaking) Hutti - 584 115, Raichur Dist., Kamataka State Tele (08537) 275463, 276339 e-Mail: material276339@gmail.com Website www.huttigold.karnataka.gov.in

Tender Notification No. 20/24-25, Dt: 31.12.2024 (Through KPP Portal only) Tender is invited by "The Senior Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following itenders

SL No.	Description	EMD in Rs.
1	Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, including civil works, testing and commissioning of dust extraction system on turnkey bases in Secondary and Tertiary crusher plant. HGML/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT39/CALL-3.	1,50,000/-
2	Compressive operation, maintenance and security contract (CAOMSC) for 3 Nos. of 1.5 MW and 1 No. of 2.1 MW WTGs of Suzion make for a period of three years. HGML/2024-25/SE0042	6,63,000/-
3	Compressive operation, maintenance and security contract for its 4.8 MW (0.6 MW X 8 Nos.) WTG of Vestas RRB make. HGML/2024-25/SE0043	4,30,000/-
4	Supply of Electric LHD 2. 0CU.M Bucket Capacity. HGML/2024-25/IND0260.	3,50,000/-
5	Manufacturing, testing, supply and commissioning of LPDT at Hutti Gold Mine. HGML/2023-24/IND0124/CALL-4.	13,81,000/
6	Tender For providing 30 Ex-Servicemen / Paramilitary (12 Security Gunmen and 18 Security Guards) Security Guards. HGML/2024-25/SE0036 .	2,49,000/
7	Supply of Manpower for Hutts Gold Mines HGML/2024-25/SE0041	1,73,000/

Calendar of events: 1) Pre-Bid Meetings (Zoom): 09.01.2025 for Sl.no.1 at 10.30 am, Sl.no.2 at 11.00 am, Sl.no.3 at 11.30 am, Sl.no.4 at 12.00 pm, Sl.no.5 at 12.30 pm, Sl.no.6 at 3.00 pm, and St.no.7 at 3.30 pm. 2) Last date for receipt of tender: 29.01.2025 at 4.00 P.M. Opening of Technical Bid on: 01.02.2025 at 10.00 A.M.

For further details interested bioders are advised to logon to website https:// www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in KPP portal.

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Sd/- Senior Manager (Materials)

कार्यालय महर्षि वशिष्ठ स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय

बस्ती, उ०प्र०

E Mail ID-gmcbasti2019@gmail.com पता- स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, बस्ती, रामपुरबस्ती Web Site www asmobast, edu in दिनांक: 31 दिसम्बर, 2024 पत्रांकः महकाराबस्ती म्यार-२०२४ २५ ५२०६

सूचना

महर्षि वशिष्ठ स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय बस्ती के पत्र स०-मे०का० बस्ती 2024 25/4880 दिनांक-09 12 2024 के द्वारा विभिन्न विभागों में आचार्य, सह आचार्य एव सहायक आचार्य क पदों पर सेवायोजन विज्ञप्ति जारी की गयी थी। जिसमें आवेदन भरने हेतू ऑतिम तिथि दिनांक 31.12 2024 थी जिसको विस्तारित करते हुए ऑतिम तिथि दिनांक-15.01 2025 की जाती है

> प्रधानस्वार्य. महर्षि वशिष्ठ स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, बम्ती

RAJ BHAVAN, LUCKNOW

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHANCELLOR FOR KHWAJA MOINUDDIN CHISHTI LANGUAGE UNIVERSITY, LUCKNOW (U.P.)

Advt. No. E-9668/2024

Dated December 30, 2024

It is proposed to appoint the Vice-Chancel or for Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University, Lucknow (U.P.), established under the Uttar Pradesh State Universities Act, 1973 (No. 10 of 1973) by the Chancellor, out of a pane to be recommended by a Committee appointled in terms of Section- 12 of the said Act

The Vice-Chancelor shall hold office for a term of 03 years from the date on which he/she enters upon his/her office or till he/she attains the lage of 68 years whichever is earlier. Only such person shall be eligible for appointment to the office of Vice Chancel or who has not attained the age of 65 years.

As the Vice Chancelor is the Principal Executive and Academic Officer of the University, he/she should have highest eve of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment. He/She is required to have sound administrative acumen besides being a distinguished person in the field of Education

The newly appointed Vice Chance for can take charge through this advertisement only after the tenure of the present Vice Chancelor appointed and working in the University is completed and the said advertised post becomes vacant,

The applicant for the post of Vice-Chance or may send his/her application Online only in prescribed format available on the website "www upgovernor gov in" on or before 27 01 2025 (Monday).

Any application received after the prescribed date shall not be considered Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor,

JPID-225307/31.12 2024 www upgov nic.in Uttar Pradesh.

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board FC-18, INSTITUTIONAL AREA, KARKARDODMA, DELHI-110092

https://dsssbon.ne.htt.fr No. F.J. 384, P&P. USSSB /2024/Advt /7352 Darled 30 , 12 /2024 VACANCY NOTICE / ADVERTISEMENT NO. 10/2024 COMBINED EXAMINATION, 2024 FOR THE POST OF POST GRADUATE TEACHER

The opening date and closing date for receipt of online applications are as below Opening Date of Application: 16/01/2025 (16th January, 2025) (From 12:00 Noon) Closing Date of Application: 14/02/2025 (14th February, 2025) (Till 11.59 PM)

Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB) invites online applications from skiglble candidates for recruitment to the post of Post Graduate Teacher against vacancies in respect of under mentioned

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*The above vacancies are tentative and based on inputs of the indenting Departments/ Bodies for submission of online application is up to 14/02/2025 (till 11:59 PM) after which the link will be

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DSSSB will conduct examinations for making recruitment against the vacancies notified above The date of conduct of examinations will be intimated in due course only through the website of the Board. The applicants are advised to visit DSSS8's website Le https://dsasbonline.nk.in to check the detailed advertisement and confirm their eligibility for the above vacancies based on the Recruitment

IMPORTANT NOTE.- Only online applications will be accepted. Applications received by post/by hand/by mail etc. will not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. No correspondence

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www.idbibank.in or contact or 022-86552697 66552016 Last data

for submission of tender in January 21, 2025 at 3.00 PM. Any further

Corrigends in respect of the above shall be posted only on Bank's

website and no separate notification shall be assued in the newspapers.

B-812 GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT Bid Identification No. CE-Bridges - 12 / 2024-25

1 The Chief Engineer (Bridges) Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Road & Bridge work as detailed below: Nature of work Bridge works No. of work. * 03 nos. 4 Tender cost , Rs. 10.000 60 (on-line)

Class of Contractor . A / Special Class Contractor Available of bid document in the website From 10.00 AM of 03 01.2025 to 5.00 PM of 21.01.2025. 7 Date of opening of Bid OL 22 01 2025 at 11 30 AM The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website. : https://tenderod/sha.gov,in. Any addendum / comigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen

> Chief Engineer, Bridges Odisha, Bhubaneswar OIPR-34174/11/0026/24-25

E-mail ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com

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Name of Work 30-Elect-58-		T-2024-25-E3	
and its location	Electrical tw	ork in commection with Repair of defective solar	
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Earnest Money		Rs. 253600.00	
Date & time of submission		27 01.2025, 12.00 Hrs.	
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Website & notice board		www.ireps.gov.in	
		& Sr Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi	
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PROVISION OF ELEPHANT INTRUSION DETECTION - 5- SYSTEM ■

Tender Natice No., N_10_HQ_2024-25; dtd., 26-12-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work, Tender No., N. 10, HQ IDS, 2024-25. Name of work * Provision of Elephant Introdor Detection System for detection of elephant movements with tracking and Level crossing alarts to increase Safety and capacity enhancement over N I Railway in Katihar and Alipurduar Dylaion Advertised Value ₹37 42 86,759 66/- Earnest Money ₹20,21 500/- Date & time of closing of tender at 16:00 hrs. on 24-01-2025. For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.treps.gov.in GM (B&T), Mailgaon

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TENDER NOTICE The Deputy Chief Engineer /Const./Northern Railway Shivas Bridge, New Dethy, for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under Two-Packet system or the following work

NUHTHERN RAILWAY

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Completion period of the work, 12 (Twolve) months Approx. Cost of work. Rs. 4667 07 Lakha Earnest Money to be deposited Rs 24.83,500r-

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Bidders can participate in this tender only through ONLINE mode.

NIT NO.	CCTV//01/2025
Publication Date and Time	01.01.2025 and 3.00 PM
Last date for submission of written queries for clarifications	14 01.2025 and 6 PM Website: https://bpsc.bih.nic.in, e-mail: bpscpat-bih@nic.in
Date and Time of pre-bid	15 01.2025 and 3:00 PM
Conference Mode	Offline
Address	BIHAR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Non-Refundable Tender Fee/Cost	INR 10,000 only (exclusive of taxes) (Rupees Ten thousand only) payable online through e-Procurement
Last date (deadline) for submission of bids	30 01.2025 3:00 PM
Opening of General & Technical Bids	30.01.2025 4:00 PM

Sd/-Secretary **Bihar Public Service Commission** Patna



Tender documents will be available on IREPS web



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यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्यांपिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा ग्राम तकीपुर बागर व चकजलालाबाद के सै. 22ई में आने वाले 120 मी. चौडी सड़क व सै. 24ए के अन्तर्गत आने वाली यूमि का सुनियाजित विकास हेतु सम्बन्धित कुषकों द्वारा दी गयी सहमति की दर रू 2728 / प्रति वग मी से प्राधिकरण द्वारा शासनादश सख्या 314 / 77 3 163एम दिनाक 23 02 2016 में तय प्रक्रियानुसार निम्नानुसार क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित है

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तहसील से प्राप्त खातेदार का नाम का नाम | सख्या|सख्या|कृत क्षेत्रफत्र रिपोर्ट के आधार

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1	तकीपृर भगव	118	243/1	0 2530	जयचन्द पुत्रं शमजीलालं नि नेग्लेनी शाहपुर, पर, दनकौर तह, सदर, गीतमबुद्धनगर।	1/2	0.1265
2	तकीषुर बागर	\$18	243/1	0 2530	कुमुम पत्नी जयचन्द्र नि नी,नी-री शाहपूर गौतमबुद्धनगर।	1/2	0 1265
3	रागप्र खादर	190	37	0 2920	स्मेश पुत्र राम सिंह निवासी कादरपुर गांतमबुद्धनगर।	1/3	0 0973
4	रामगुर खादर	65	47	1 4170	शंलन्द्र ग्रेसवाल हारा कर्ता शंलन्द्र गैसवाल पुत्र श्री शमलाल जैसवाल निवासी पाकट ४ एक्स १ मगूर्यपहार चिल्ला सरादा खादर पूर्वी दिल्ली		0 1686
5	क्रेव	02	400	3 8990	राजन्द्र सिंह पुत्र श्यांदान सिंह निवासी ग्राम कराची बागर गोनमबुद्धनगर	मं से	0 0778
6	तकीपुर बागर	103	134	0 9800	सजय कुमार पुत्र ईशारदास अग्रवाल व रमाशकर अग्रवाल पुत्र ईश्वरदास अग्रवाल निवासी सम्राट पैलेस गढ राड गांधी आश्रम मेरठ	मंस	0 6005
7	तकीपुर बागर	258	134	0 9800	सजीव मण्हन पुत्र ब्रजमाहन गुप्ता निवासी मकान नं. 1390 शिवचीक बागपत रोड मेरठ।	में सं	0 2741
В	तकीपुर बागर	177	34/1	0 6200	रमंशयन्द पुत्र रामसहाय नि ग्राम धक जलालाबाद पर द तह. जंदर, गोतमथुद्धनगर।	सम्पूर्ण भाग	0 6200
9	दर स्थानवाद	28 18	111 112	0 6580 0 6450	श्रीमती कुसुम पत्नी श्रीपाल नि गुलस्ता कॉलानी स्वूपुरा परगना व सहसील अवर जिला गौलमबुद्धनगर	1/3 1/6	0 2193 0 1075
10	तकीपुर साम्ब	17	78/1	1 6230	सुरेश सिह पुत्र हीरी सिह निवासी ग्राम मी शान्ती नगर कस्वा रब्धुरा प्रस्मना व सहसील जवर जिला गोलमबुद्धनगर।	में स	0 4216

उपरोक्त भूमि क्रय कियं जान में यदि किशी व्यक्ति को कोई आपति है तो वह लिखित रूप में 15 दिन के अन्दर हिप्टी कलेक्टर अधंग्हरताक्षरी को अपनी आपति प्रस्तृत कर सकता है। यम्ना एक्सप्रेसवे प्राधिकरण

त्रविकरण के अधिराधित केर में आविकरण क्षाव रचीवरा मास्टर प्लॉन के अहिरिक्ष प्लॉटिन / इस्स्विय निकों भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माय पूरी तथा से अपैय है। सामान्यवन इस प्रकार की खड़ेकान्येका से पूर्वतः कोता को तथा कोलोनाह्यवर क्षापक निवारकों से वर्षे। अधिक सारावादी के तिरह अधिकाल की वेगराबाद www.vernamenenenenenenthority.com देखें।



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एचबीएनआई एकमानद विश्वविद्यालय के तत्वावधान में जुलाई-2025 से आरभ हान वाले भाष अ केंद्र के डीडीएफएस कार्यक्रम मे प्रवेश के लिए इंजीनियरिंग स्नातकोत्तरों से पीएचडी करने के लिए आवेदन आमन्नित किए जाते हैं।

Invites applications from Engineering Postgraduates for admission toDDFSprogramme of BARC for pursuing PhD, commencing from July-2025 under the aegis of HBNI, a Deemed to be

चयन एक द्वि-चरणीय प्रक्रिया है: 1 ऑनलाइन कप्यूटर आधारित परीक्षा (सीबीटी) और स्नातकोक्तर शैक्षणिक रिकॉर्ड के माध्यम से चयन साक्षात्कार के लिए स्क्रीनिंग और 2 चयन साक्षात्कार में प्रदर्शन अतिम चयन केवल चयन साक्षारकार में योग्यता के आधार पर किया जाएगा । मैकेनिकल, केमिकल, मेटलर्जिकल/मैटेरियल्स, इलेक्ट्रिकल, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स, कंप्यूटर, इस्टुमेटेशन और सिक्लि इंजीनियरिंग में एम ई/एम टेक/समकक्षडिग्री वाले अभ्यर्थियों से केवल ऑनलाइन आवेदन स्वीकार किए जाएगे। एमसीए/आईटी क्षिप्री वाले अभ्यर्थी पात्र नहीं हैं।चयनित छात्रों को एचबीएनआई के चार सघटक संस्थानों (सीआई) में से एक में प्रवेश दिया जाएगा: भापअ केंद्र मुंबई, आईजीकार कल्पाकम, आईपीआर गाधीनगर एवं वीईसीसी कोलकाता।वयनित छात्रों को 80,000/- रूपये प्रति माह की अध्येतावृत्ति और 60,000/- रूपये का वार्षिक आकस्मिक अनुदान दिया जाएगा। डीडीएफएस अभ्यर्थियों (केवल शोध छात्रों) के लिए सीएबएसएस के तहत चिकित्सा लाभ भी उपलब्ध हैं। पीएचडी कार्यक्रम के दौरान छात्रावास में रहना अनिवार्य है।

Selection is a two-step process: 1. Screening in to Selection Interview through online Computer Based Test (CBT) & post-graduation academic record and 2 Performance in Selection Interview Final Selection will be based on Selection Interview merit only. Only online applications will be accepted from Candidates with M E/M Tech/Equivalent Degree in Mechanical, Chemical Metallurgical / Materials, Ejectrical, Electronics, Computer, Instrumentation Civil Engineering Candidates with MCA/IT degree are not eligible. The selected students will be admitted to one of the four Constituent Institutions (CI) of HBNI, BARC Mumbai, IGCAR Kalpakkam, IPR Gandhinagar and VECC Kolkata. The selected students will be awarded Fellowships of 80,000/- per month and an annual contingency grant of 60,000/-. Medical benefits under CHSS are also available for DDFS candidate (research scholar only). Hostel accommodation is mandatory during PhD programme.

अर्हता हिग्री: अभ्यर्थियों को भारत का नागरिक होना चाहिए और एम.ई. /एम. टेक / समकक्षहिग्री के साथ-साथ बी.ई. /बी. टेकमें न्यूनतम 60 प्रतिशत अंक होने चाहिए। एम.ई. /एम. टेकके अंतिम सेमेस्टर के अध्यर्थी भी आवेदन कर सकते हैं, लेकिन यदि ऐसे अभ्यर्थियों का क्यन किया जाता है, तो उन्हें 30 दिसबर, 2025 तक अपनी मास्टर हिग्री के प्रमाण पत्र और अक पत्र उपलब्ध कराने होंगे।

Qualifying Degree: Candidates must be Indian citizen and have minimum 60% Marks in M E/M Tech /Equivalent Degree as well as B E /B Tech, Candidates in the final semester of M E /M Tech may a so apply but such cand dates, if selected, must provide certificates and mark sheets of their Master Degree by December 30, 2025

आयु सीमा: 1 अगस्त, 2025 को आयु सीमा 28 वर्ष है अतः सामान्य श्रेणी के अम्यर्थी का जन्म 1 अगस्त, 1997 को या उसके बाद हुआ होना चाहिए। आयु सीमा में ओबीसी-एनसीएल के लिए तीन वर्ष और एससी/एसटी आवेदकों के लिए पाच वर्ष की छूट है। इजीनियरिंग महाविद्यालय में सकाय के लिए बिना अध्येतावृत्ति के पीएचडी करने के इच्छक अध्यर्थियों के लिए आयु सीमा 1 अगस्त, 2025 को40 वर्ष है। सभी श्रेणियों के दिव्याग व्यक्ति (40 प्रतिशत या उससे अधिक दिव्याग) के लिए 10 वर्ष की अतिरिक्त आयु छूट के लिए पात्र हैं

Age limit: The age limit is 28 yrs as on Aug. 1, 2025 and hence should have been born on or after Aug. 1, 1997 for general category. Age limit is relaxable by three years for OBC-NCL and by five years for SC/ST applicants. The age limit for faculty in Engineering Colleges who are desirous of pursuing a PhD without Fellowship is 40 years as on Aug. 1, 2025 Persons with Disability (with 40% or more disability) of all categories are eligible for additional age relaxation of 10 years. ऑनलाइन आवेदन करने के लिए, https://www.barcocesexam.com को देखते रहें।

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 सभी तिथिया सभावित तिथिया हैं और अभ्यथियों को अद्यतन सूचना के लिए नियमित रूप से वेबसाइट को देखते रहें। https://www.barcocesexam.in वेबसाइट परविजिट करने की आवश्यकता है। All dates are tentative and candidates are required to regularly visit the website https://www.barcocesexam.in for updates.



पञाक : YEIDA/GM(P)/2024/991 ई—निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र शासित/अर्द्धशासिक/सार्वजनिक चपकमां के कार्यां का कम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकदारों / फर्मों से ई-निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती है। ई-प्रीक्योरमेंटसोल्युशन द्वारा निविदायं द्विस्तरीय पद्धति से खोली जायेगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संख्या याई ई ए / GM(P) / 2024 / 990 दिनाक 31 12 2024 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में सविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ क्वान्टिटी (बी०ओ०क्व०) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्योरिटी / परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी एफ0डी0आर0 / सी0डी0आर0 / बैंक भारन्टी / एन0एस0सी0 के रूप में न्यूनतम सविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम संव	कार्य का नाम / वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत		
1.	Pond Rejuvenation in Village-Bankapur and Dustampur, YEA WC-06	रु० ३७.९० लाख		
2.	Pacth Repair work of 60mtr wide Road and 75mtr wide (Road No-13) Between Sector-28 and 29 YEA WC-04	रू० 11 72 लाख		
3.	Annual Jungle Cleaning of Internal road patri pocket-R.S,T and USec-20 YEAWC-02	₹0 25 59 ਜਾਂਦ		
4.	Maintenance of 75mtr wide road Between sector 28 and 29 (Road no-13) YEAWC-4	रू० 07 31 लाख		
5.	Construction of Shamshan Ghat in Village – Tirthali Kheda, YEA WC-6	रु० २७.१५ लाख		
6.	Providing and laying interlocking tiles and R.c.c Drain work main road side in Village – Jewar Banger, YEAWC-6	%0 40.47 लाख		
जिन्हें दिनांक 07 01 2025 से 17 01.2025 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड़ किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ईनिविदाओं की प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 20.01 2025 को प्रात: 11 00 बजे खोली जायेगी।				
कम स०	कार्य का नाम / वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित सागत		
7	Providing and fixing of interlocking tite work in Village-Akatour	क0 11 63 जाख		

कम स०	कार्य का नाम / वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित सागत
7	Providing and fixing of interlocking tile work in Village-Akatpur (Including Construction of Drain) YEIDAWC-06	रु० ११,६३ लाख
8.	Construction of 01Nos tubewell Rising main pumping house near bikano, surya global and other plot in sector -29, YEIDAWC-04	रु० ६८.६३ लाख
9.	Providing and fixing G.I chain link fabric fencing and brick chamber work in pond in village Ahmadpur choroli Dyorar and jewer banger, YEAWC-06	रु० 23,49 लाख
10.	Supplying and stacking of bhusa for chanchli gaushala ,YEA (2024-2025) WC-06	रु() 31,54 लाख
11	Supply of tractor with trolly and sweeper hire for cleaning of affordable house of block A and B and LiG and MiG in sector 22D YEA. WC-02	रु० ३६.९८ लाख
12.	Maintenance work of water supply in affordable houses sector 22D (Block-B)YEIDA WC-02	रु० २७ १० लाख

की प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 20.01.2025 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। अनुमानित लागत कार्य का नाम / वर्क सर्किल Modification and maintenance Under operation kayakalp for रूव 285.00 लाख

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Rahul Rekhawar (IAS) Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Maharashtra, Pune DGIPR 2024-25/5333

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Emphasis on infra boost, tribal welfare in PM's NY clip

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The video post highlighted achievements of India in 2024 ranging from major decisions to accelerate infrastructure development, mauguration of Ram temple, tribal we fare, poverty reduction, launch of Ad.tya L1 Mission to the sun, and extending health cover to 70 year-plus population, to success of diplomacy and assembly elections in J&K.

As per records, Cabinet in the past seven months has approved infrastructure projects worth Rs 9.5 lakh crore for development of the largest container port at Vadhvan in Maharashtra, construction of high speed road projects, and expansion of railway net works. Cabinet also took 20 decistons for farmers worth Rs 2.2 lakh crore, including Rash triya Krishi Vikas Yojna, PM Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Yoina and National Mission for Equble Ouls

In a series of posts, PMO reflected on memorable moments of 2024, which included the PM's international visits. The tweets mentioned India's active role in global summits in 2024, which highlights its commitment to promoting in ternational cooperation and a sustainable, equitable world.

PMO also mentioned how India is setting global stan dards in climate action with innovative policies, renewable energy leadership and initiatives such as International Solar Alliance, Mission Lift Eand Global B.ofuels Alliance, pay ing the way for a sustainable and prosperous future. "Rising as a symbol of progress and resilience, India is earning global recognition for its economic progress, technological advancements and contri butions to regional and global stability," the PMO said

Adani remarks follow NRN's suggestion of 70-hr work week

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alking about work life balance, Adani group chairman Gautam Adani said, "Say, someone spends four hours with family and finds joy in it, or if someone else spends eight hours and enjoys it, that is their work life balance. However, if you spend eight hours with your family, biwl bhaag jayegi

(Wife will run away)." The Adani group chairman's comments came amid engoing debate and discus sions sparked by Infosys cofounder Narayana Murthy's suggestion of a 70-hour work week. Murthy has previously spoken about working up to 90 hours a week during his career and has positioned hard work as a responsibility for those who have benefited from govtsubsidised education.

The honcho insisted work life balance is achieved when individuals engage in activtties they enjoy. "Your work and life are balanced when you do things that you like doing. For us, it is either family or work, we don't have a world other than that. Our children also notice the same and imbibe it. They are also equally hard working," Adamsaid.

He besteves acknowledging one's mortality simplifies life. "Personal character and hu mility are the most important things. The rest, according to me, is all artificial, including your wealth, etc. What you eat, I eat. What money gives you is the power to decide what and how you can impact by using it. Everyone is passing through the journey of life, Nobody is here to live permanently. When a person understands this, life becomes simple," he said.

40 injured in Manipur violence after forces demolish bunkers

Kuki Women's **Body Says Site** Falls In 'Tribe's Territory'

> Kangkan.Kalita1 @timesofindia.com

Guwahati: At least 40 peop.e were wounded Tuesday during a confrontation between central security forces and women protesters in Kangpokpi district of Manipur af ter an attempt to dismantle what residents described as "community bunkers" in the Saibol-Twiching area.

Forces have dismantled four such structures in Imphal East and Kangpokpi districts since Saturday, Accord ing to security sources, the bunkers were used by gun men to aunch attacks. The operation to remove unauthorused bunkers follows a series of attacks that recently left four people hurt, including a police officer and a woman.

The women's wing of In digenous Tribal Leaders' Forum said more than 30 women suffered serious wounds. One

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The govt on the

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The women's wing of Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum said more than 30 women suffered serious wounds in the clash.

woman lost an eye and has been sent to Guwahati for treatment Kuki Women Union (KWU) said Saibol-Twiching hes within Kukiterritory and outside established buffer zones separating Kuki and Meitei communities.

The ethnic conflict in Manipur, which broke out on May 3 last year and left more than 250 dead, has deepened divisions between Kuki Zo tribal communities in the hill districts and Meitei population in Imphal valley Tensions remain high as tribal groups accuse the central forces of partiality — favouring Meiters over Kukis, fuelling demands for their with-

CLEARING DECKS FOR THE NEW YEAR

BRO sold ers clear a road after heavy snowfall near Atal Tunnel in Manali on Tuesday

Govt: India has emerged as

climate action global leader

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drawal. "Despite the forces' presence, attackers have earher crossed these zones to target Kuki communities. When we defend ourselves, forces destroy our bunkers and leave us vulnerable," KWU said.

CM N Biren Singh defended the security forces "They have the authority to position themselves wherever deemed necessary."

Kuki Inpi, the apex body of Kuki tribes, alleged use of excessive force, including lathus and tear gas, against women. Kuki Women Orga nisation for Human Rights demanded an impartial probe and urged govt to hold

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"PM Narendra Modi's re-

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Village defence group demands public apology from Kuki Front

Imphal: The tribal village defence volunteers' group in Manipur's Churachandpur has called for a complete shutdown of the district, demanding a public apology from Kuki National Front (KNF) after an alleged armed attack by the outlawed out fit's commander Thahpi and his men on the CVDF com pound on Dec 29, reports Ngathingkhui Jago.

The group did not mention a specific shutdown date, only saying that it is "effective immediately". "This unprovoked attack is deeply concerning and goes against the spirit of tribal unity," CVDF said, criticising the assault as a betrayal of tribal unity, particularly during ongoing conflicts involving the Mettel community CVDF questioned the motives of Kuki factions and speculated Meitei influence behind internal di visions among tribal groups.

Drug smugglers, infiltrators from Myanmar top threats: Biren

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\ ases of arson and vandal ism, too, declaned from 16,443 during the peak of the strife to 167 during the same period in 2024, he said.

"Now that the situation has improved, political dia logue should start between the communities involved," Singh told TOI. "The resil ience of our people and the measures taken have led to a more stable environment. The road ahead looks promising."

At a presser in Imphal, the CM said Manipur's biggest threat was demographic change wrought by infiltrators from neighbouring Myanmar and drug smugglers.

"Since 2018, around 20,000 hectares of poppy plantation have been destroyed and drugs valued at more than Rs 70,000 crore in the contraband market have been seized Around 3,700 drug smugglers and other suspects have been arrested "

en several initiatives aimed at sustainable development and rehabilitation of those affected by the strufe

ilies have returned home, supported by Rs 32 crore in farm compensation. Plans are un derway for residential skull development programmes for 500 youths, with training and assured placements in Air India and IndiGo, and migration support centres in Delhi, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad, operation

Healthcare instructives in clude free provision of 23 can cer drugs across district hospitals and the construction of a 60-bed mental health facility under a central scheme. Biren

"Education has also seen a boost with the establishment of 13 model residential schools and financial assist ance for displaced students in

The govt is addressing in PM Modi's diplomatic oufrastructure deficits with ad ditional flights from Imphal to der his leadership," said the key destinations, electrification of 36,972 households, and improved road connectivity.

PM too should go to Manipur, say sorry: Cong

ogy to the people. AICC spokesperson Jairam Ramesh said, "Why can't the PM go to Manipur and say the same thing there? He has deliberately avoided visiting the state since May 4, 2023, even as he jets around the country and the world. The people of Manipur simply cannot understand this ne

HOW A POPULAR SARPANCH'S MURDER SPARKED POLITICAL FIRESTORM IN MAHA

Cantosh Deshmukh, 44, was samanch of Massajog village in Beed district. On Dec 9, he was abducted, beaten and tortured to death by a group of men who intercepted his car while he was on his way home Deshmukh was popular. He had won awards for his war in the said of the late of the said in upheaval. Protesters have blocked roads and highways, a bus has been torched and over 100 people face rioting charges. How did a murder trigger such

Fext: Mohammed Akhel

Timeline

May 28: Employees of a pvt windmill co. Avaada, in Kej tehsil kidnapped by group of men who allegedly demand Rs 2 crore for operations to resume. Company was in the process of acquiring land for windmill project. Main accused is one Ramesh Ghule; Kej police register case.

Dec 6: Group led by Ghule turns up at Avaada site in Massajog, assaults employees and guard who try to stop them from entering. Message sent to sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh who, along with a few villagers, rushes to spot. They scuffle with the group and Deshmulch exchanges blows with a man identified as Sudarshan Ghule. The incident is recorded on mobile phone cameras by villagers, who keep the videos as status messages in an apparent message to the miscreants. Ghule is arrested but is out on ball a day later.

led by Sudarshan Ghule, intercept Deshmulch's car and pull him into an SUV. His body is found hours later Dec 10: Massayog village erupts in anger. Scores of people, backed by Maratha quota activist Manoj sarange, block highway for nearly 12 hours. A bus is torched. Police file complaints against 150 villagers Roads in Kei blocked, another 125 people booked for noting charges.

Dec 9: Around 3 pm, these accused,

Dec 11: Cops in Key register an FIR for the extortion attempt against Avaada, This FiR names Valmik Karad, believed to be a close aide of food and civil supplies minister Dhananjay Munde, as accused.



Anger against crime

> Valmik Karad has been described by Beed locals as a flocal Baanubals, who saw himself as "above the law" > Karad has at least 10 criminal cases against h.m., from attempt to murder to kidnapping

TOI Explains His business interests range from

real estate to sand mining. He's a so the "go-to" man in the region for minister Dhananiay Munde, responsible for organizing political campaigns and events

Political tangle •

Politicians across party lines are believed to have seen opportunity when protesters began to gather. For some, it was just a case of sour grapes. Dhananjay Munde's fortunes in state politics have upset senior MLAs and MPs from the region. In Beed, Maks like Prakash Solunke. Suresh Dhas have won elections 4-5 times but haven't secured ministerial

berths. Even MLAs like Jitendra Awhad, who is from the Vaniari community and Sandeep

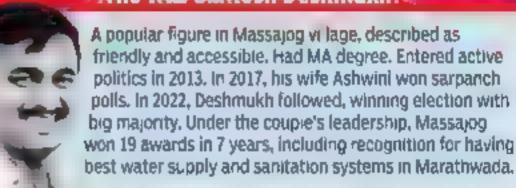
second-term MLA Kshirsagar, an OBC, have targeted Munde and Karad. CM Devendra Fadnavis' aide and BJP MLA

Abhimanyu Pawar too has joined protests. It's an opportunity for quota activist Manoj Jarange too. Valmiki Karad is from the Vanjari community which has an exclusive 2.5% reservation in the OBC quota. Its members have resisted inclusion of Marathas in OBC quota.

Delicate situation for Munde cousins

The situation has become delicate for cousins Dhananiay Munde and Pankaja Munde - both have faced calis to resign. Pankaja has largely been quiet over the matter though Deshmukh was a loyal st and BJP supporter. The Mundes have not even visited Deshmukh's family

Who was Santosh Deshmukh?



Sack mantri, demands oppn; Fadnavis says no one will be spared

Priyanka Kakodkar &

is building up on chief min minister Dhananjay Munde, surrendered to the CID. the home department, said, "No one

The CM said govt had tak Beed case.'

Over 2,000 displaced fam.

al from January 2025, he said Employment remains a priority, with the CM's entre preneursh ip support schemes providing collateral-free loans of up to Rs 50,000 to m ternally displaced people

Singh said.

private institutions."

New Delhi: As Manipur CM N Biren Singh apologised for the continuing ethnic conflict in the state, Congress said PM Narendra Modi should visit the state and tender an apol-

team. Fadnavis said, and it is

Prafulia Marpakwar | THE

Mumbai: Even as pressure ister Devendra Fadnavis to sack food and civil supplies whose aide Valmik Karad the CM, who also controls

will be spared Strong action will be taken against anyone found to be connected in the

"We will not allow a state of goondas. Violence and extortion will not be allowed The investigation has been speedy and that is why he has surrendered. Teams have of the absconding accused," the CM said

sured the family of sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh police would investigate until the culprits were hanged

sure on the investigation have arrested him."

up to police to decide how to proceed. "The CID has been given total independence," Ex-MP Sambhaji Raje

urged the chief minister to remove Munde from the cabmet. Asked about demands for Munde's arrest. Fadnavis said, "I am not going to com ment on allegations of politics behind the case

If there is proof against anyone, poice will act on that basis. We only want to punish those responstble," he said.

The opposition said Karad's surrender was preplanned and result of a "setting" with govt

"The fact he was going to surrender was revealed in fanned out to arrest the rest advance," said NCP (SP)'s Jitendra Awhad.

"I have been told that in Fadnavis said he had as- one of the clips. Munde stated Karad is his trusted a.de." he added

NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule said, "Why did he have Adding there was no pres- to surrender? Govt should

Why 3 accused still absconding, asks daughter of slain sarpanch

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: Vaibhavi Deshmukh, daughter of murdered Massajog sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh, on Tuesday demanded the arrest of three absconding men accused of murdering her father, reports Prasad Joshi. "It's been three weeks since my father's brutal murder, and three people involved are still at large. Why is so much time being wasted? If the delay in nabbing the absconding accused continues, we will lose hope of getting justice," she said

Reacting to Va.mik Karad the key accused in the extortion case linked to Deshmukh's murder — surrendering before the CID in Pune, Vaibhayi said it is frustrating to know that police were alleged.y waiting for him (Karad) to surrender, instead of arresting him. Seven people have so far been named accused in the case of Santosh Deshmukh's alleged kidnap and murder on Dec 9. Three of them, including the main accused Sudarshan Ghule, are still on the run

New Gen Z, desi terms vibe with Scrabble fam

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hirty-two-year-old Santacruz resident Hriday Samtani can't wait to get Botox. On his Scrabble rack, that is, Containing the high-

scoring "power tile" 'X', this five-letter modernism is among 1,816 freshly added words, including 'Tomoz' (tomorrow), 'Yeet' (to throw with force), 'Boujee' (luxurious in lifestyle, humble in character), and 'Peng' (very beautiful) that have injected the board game's official dictionary with Gen Z vigour.

"It's exciting to see the lex icon evolving with modern slang and cultural shifts," says Samtani, who is looking forward to playing words like 'Yeet' and 'Peng' at MuSigma KSSA Indian Open. To be held in Bangalore from Jan 23 to 26, 2025, the tentpole event, which sees scrabblers from across the globe battling it out across four divisions, will be first tournament in India to embrace additions to Collins Scrabble dictionary which was last updated in 2020

Featuring a slew of Hindi terms, the update animate de "The additions clear up any against hate speech



sichamps such as Samtani for whom the language was his favourite subject in school "Kanjus, Kamchor, Samaj Janta." rattles off national fourth-ranker Samtani, list-

ing the new entrants which when strung like that — make him sound like a troll commenting on "lazy, benchwarming" masses. Except, in the deviant 225-square grid world of Scrabble, words have no meaning. They are merely spellings with numbers.

"While some of the Hindi words are completely new like 'Kamchor', for many other words, an alternate spelling ('Kanjoos') was val id earlier," clarifies 14-year old Madhay Kamath, India's top-rated youth scrabbler

spellings while playing," says Kamath, to whom the updated dictionary seems "one-third Indian and onethird Japanese or Korean' If the "delayed" addition of a few Greek words Lke

confusion I'd have on the

"Threnoi' and 'Sekoi' surprised him because "Greek is an ancient language", terms belonging to the language of the future too threw --- ahem --- yeeted him Apart from "high-proba-

bility bingos" (7-letter words) such as Xennial' & Zoodles', additions include 'Esport', 'Gastro', 'Vacay' & other words that scrabblers thought were valid earlier If Kamath is happy to see some of the words that he "phonied" in the past 'Fam , Loc' 'Derp', 'Nerf', 'Sitch', 'Vibed' being legitimised, 'Fam', short for family, Samtanı feels, was an add.tion long overdue.

More than remembering new words, unlearning those that have been deleted is trickier, say players, In 2020, while NASPA removed 259 offensive slurs from their official word list, Mattel ousted 419 words from Scrabble dictionary in a move

SC all but snubs Punjab 'plea' to involve Centre sion of the medical board

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front, the blogpost noted that flagged that the rapid expan-

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The bench posted the matter for further

hearing on Jan 2. Punjab AG to d the court that the state has deployed 7,000 security personnel near the ports site but a Punjab bandh called by another farmer union had complete ly hindered traffic. "We are doing our best to achieve the desired result," he said.

The bench asked the state chief secretary and DGP to remain present virtually during the Jan 2 hearing of the contempt petition, which has Mann-headed AAP govt of doing precious little to implement SC's Dec 20 order

In its application seeking more time to implement the order, the state govt said, "On account of deliberations and outreach with farmer organisations made by Punjab govt. there have been certain positive developments in the matter which are under consideration of Centre. To allow fruition of positive developments, state govt seeks additional

desired result." On the state's assertion that Centre is considering accused the Bhagwant Singh "positive developments", so is under constant superviction cannot lose more lives.

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licitor general Tushar Mehta to d the bench that he had no instructions in this regard from Union govt. The bench said: "We are concerned only with implementation of our order. We can grant more time. We will not comment on

not take cognisance of the state's indirect plea to involve Centre in negotiations with farmers on MSP issue.

Punjab govt said, "Doctors

present at Khanauri border

are constantly monitoring

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the negotiation process." SC indicated that it would On Dallewal's health, the

the state felt helpless in im plementing the SC order for hospitalisation as use of force would lead to serious collateral damages.

SC had rebuked the state and warned it of constitutional consequences when it pleaded helplessness and said, "To save one life, we

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DATA BREACHES IN INDIA 850mn records breached at Hi-

Tek Group, a debt collection agency 2TB of data leaked from Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL)

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Other significant incidents: Star Health Insurance breach and

DATA SOLD BY THREAT ACTORS 12.332 GB of Indian data sold in 2024, with 44 bn lines of records compromised

INDIA AMONG TOP TARGETS ---- Ranked second globally for cyberattacks, trailing only the US

SQL Dump 1.3% Source code 4.1% Others 8.2% Logs 1.9% TYPE OF DATA **OR ACCESS** Access Database credentials 41.3% BEING SOLD Stealer logs 6.6% Customer data 19% L-PII 9.2%

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SECTORAL TRENDS WORLDWIDE Ransomware targeting sectors globally:

Manufacturing (16.3%). construction (12.1%), and healthcare (10.8%) led the victim list 995 TB of data stolen g.obally

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Gold set to extend record run, may hit ₹90k/10gm in 2025

egies continue to shape its

defence narrative

New Delhi: Gold, a safe-haven bet, is likely to continue its record-smashing journey in 2025, rising to Rs 85,000 per 10 gram and even Rs 90,000 if geopot tical tensions and global economic uncertainties continue. Experts feel gold to be a strong performer in 2025 as well, buoyed by centra. bank purchases and a pivot towards lower interest rates by major central banks. Outlook for gold in 2025 remains positive, though pace of growth may moderate, LKP Securities VP research analyst - commodity,



Now, you can file revised ITR by Jan 15

New Delhi: Last date for filing Income Tax Return for 2023-24 was July 31, and for those who could not, the time was for filing a revised (TR with late fees was Dec 31. But now, CBDT has extended this deadline to Jan 15. As last date for fiting GST return is Dec 31, GST-registered taxpayers will have to submit it to consolidate annual transactions. Agencies

Factory activity in China slows in Dec

Hong Kong: China's factory activity expanded at a slower pace in Dec, official data showed, despite stimulus steps and in face of increasing trade risks. The Purchasing Managers' Index, based on a survey of factory managers, silpped to 50.1 in Dec from 50.3 in Nov. the National Bureau of Stat stics said on Tuesday. Agenc Es

A Clarification

Tata Motors has clarified that I it had "pro-actively taken a price reduction up to Rs 3 lakh on the Nexon.ev, passing on benefits of battery price reduction to its customers" in Sept. It is not a price discount as mentioned in the story 'EVs on discount as stock piles up' which appeared in TOI's Dec 31, 2024 edition.



D-St bull run loses steam on FPI selloff in volatile yr

Sensex Rises 8% In 2024, Slides 9% From Sept-End High

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: For Dalal Street investors, 2024 is a story of two parts, unequally divided. During the first nine months, the two leading indices — the sensex and Nifty scaled new highs at regular intervals. And then came a sudden burst of foreign fund selling that shaved off a large chunk of the gains from the earlier month.

As a result, the two leading indices, after recording its alltime highs at 85,978 points and 26,277 points in end Sept, fell sharply in the next two months. And after a volatue Dec, on Tuesday the sensex closed at 78,139 points (up 8%) and Nifty at 23,645 points (up 9%)—one of the lowest yearly returns in recent years.

According to Sheetal Mal pani, chief investment offi cer & head of equity, Tamoha ra Investment Managers, a Sebi-registered portfolio manager, in 2024, the first half saw some good demand for stocks which took benchmark indices higher. In the second half, there was adequate supply, in the form of a largenumber of IPOs and public offers, which in a way led to subdued annual returns.

Malpani expects some correction in 2025, either a price correction (where the prices move southward to ad



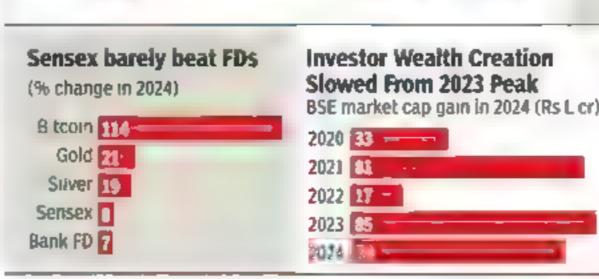
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> 2024 was also the year when Indian investors showed great alfinity for IPOs, often preferring to invest in primary issues at the cost of listed, secondary equities Source: ETIG. LSEG

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haves during a corrective phase," Malpani said. The year also witnessed investors remaining more bullish on small and midcap stocks over blue chips. According to data from NSE,

compared to single-digit percentage return by nifty, its midcap 50 index returned 21.5% while the smallcap 50 returned a little over 25%

2024 was also the year when Indian investors showed great affinity for IPOs, often preferring to invest in primary issues at the cost of listed, secondary equities.

PhonePe, GPay get 2 years more to cut UPI mkt share NPCI Lifts 10cr User Cap On WhatsApp Pay

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Mumbai: NPCI has extended by two years the deadline for third party apps Phone-Pe and Google Pay to bring down their market share in UPL The apex payments body has also lifted the onboarding limit, capping the maximum number of users at 10 crore for WhatsApp in respect of UPI

This is the second time NPCI has extended the timeline, even as PhonePe and Google Pay increased their market shares to 48% and 37%, respectively, despite the entry of new players.

In Nov 2020, NPCI had announced that no single thirdparty app provider should have a market share of more than 30% of total UP! transaction volumes by Dec 31. 2024. The cap was introduced following the moratorium on Yes Bank, which impacted PhonePe transactions and led to UPI volumes dropping nearly 40% overnight

The cap aimed to reduce the risk of single-point failure. Since then, PhonePe has partnered with multiple banks to process UPI transactions, However, PhonePe

and Google Pay's shares continued to rise as the third largest player, Paytm, faced challenges due to RBI action

on Paytm Payments Bank As of Dec 30, there were 1,613 crore UPI transactions worth Rs 22.3 lakh crore for the month, "We welcome the extension of the market cap as we believe that people will choose from dozens of new UPI apps available. Pa-

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ytm is regaining market share, and new apps like Naavi, Cred, Bhim, WhatsApp Pay, and others are growing strongly. Banks are also getting their UPI app strategy in place. I believe that in the next two years, the market will resolve this market cap issue on its own. Blocking growth of incumbents is not

the right strategy and would

have surely slowed UPEs growth," said Vishwas Patel, chairman, Payment Council of India (PCI).

Although there are a number of players, they have failed to make a significant impact in the market, as they wereunwilling to spend to acquire transactions where there was little or no revenue, Google Pay and PhonePe, owned by Alphabet and Walmart, respectively, have Invested bullions of dollars to gain users on their platforms,

NPCI's Bnim app, launched by the prime minister during demonetisation, lost most of its initial momentum after the company shifted its strategy. The app was offered as a white-label service to banks that lacked their own UPI app. Recently, however. Bhim has been spun off as a separate division, and MPCI plans to push the product more aggressive.y.

Industry insiders believe UPI is on track to achieve a billion transactions per day. "Given such volumes and the low operating cost structure, players would be able to make money even if a small charge on large merchants is imposed," said an executive at a payment company.

Rupee plunges nearly 3% in 2024, from 83.24 to record low of 85.59/\$

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Mumbai: The rupee ended 2024 on a weaker note, depreciating 2.8% against the US dollar to close the year at 85.59, down from Monday's close of 84.54. This marked the seventh consecutive year of decline for the Indian currency. Dealers attributed the year-end drop to a possible shift in RBI's forex intervention strategy, which may have allowed a slight correction in the rupee, keeping it among the least depreciated emerging market currencies.

Throughout the year, the US dollar strengthened against most major currencies, it gained 11.1% versus the Japa nese yen, 3.1% against the So-6th African rand 27% versus the Brazilian real, 22% agaTH YEAR OF DECLINE

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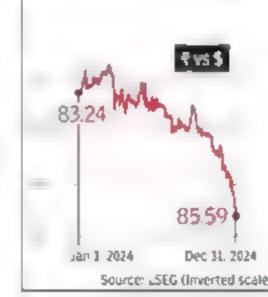
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inst the Mexican peso, 13.7% versus the Korean won, 4.5% against the Indonesian rupi ah, 4 7% versus the Philippi ne peso, 3.27% against the Singapore dollar, and 6.7% versus the Taiwanese dollar

The rupee remained relatively stable in the first half of the year, buoyed by capital inflows following the inclusion of Indian bonds in global bond indices. A brief spell of volatility in June, triggered by election results, was short lived. However, the currency began to weaken in Sept as FPIs adopted a "sell-Indiabuy-China" strategy, leading to a decline in market indices and additional pressure on the rupee. The victory of US President-elect Donald Trump in Nov led to the dol lar gaining against most currencies worldwide

The most significant depreciation occurred in the fourth quarter, with the rupee weakening 2.2% during this period. On Dec 27, the curren cy hit an intraday low of 85.81 RBI intervened frequently to stabilise the rupee, drawing down forex reserves, which peaked at \$704.9 billion before failing by \$60.5 billion by the end of the year

Foreign portfolio investors pulled \$11.7 billion from Indian equities in the fourth quarter, compared to \$12 bil lion in inflows during the first nine months. For 2024 net equity inflows totalled Rs 5,000 crore, a steep drop from Rs 1 7t lakh crore in 2023

Analysts pointed to struc tural factors contributing to the rupee's depreciation. such as inflation differentials between India and the US and India's persistent current account deficit, driven by its dependence on oil and gold imports. However, the pace of depreciation in the coming year is expected to hinge on the level of capital flows.

\$31bn: Startup funding falls to lowest level since 2019

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Chennai: 2024 ended with pri vate equity-venture capital (PE-VC) investments of \$311 billion, the lowest since 2019 in India. The cumulative invest ments were down by 5.5% when compared with 2023, which accounted for \$32.9 billion, the second lowest in the past six vears. However, the number of deals exceeded 1,000, from 993 a year ago (in 2023). The PE investments compiled exclude those from the real estate sector Dec recorded an investment of \$2.2 billion, data released by research firm Venture Intelligence showed

Nearly \$9 billion of PE-VC investments comprising 165 deals was made in late stage compantes that are more than 10 vearsold, series-Gor later rounds of institutional investments. It is followed by investments in growth PE stage companies at \$6.3 billion involving 136 deals

Growth PE are seed to series-D investments, wherein the investments are more than \$20 million and companies are less than a decade old. Brookfield's over \$2-billion deal with ATC india in Jan was the largest PE-VC investment in 2024, "2024 witnessed 74 mega deals (valued above \$100 million) accounting for deals worth \$20.7 billion. compared to 75 such investments worth \$23.2 billion in 2023. The highlight of the year was, of course, how receptive the public markets have been to IPOsof PE-VCbacked company es like Swiggy and Ola Electric," Arun Natarajan, founder, Venture intelligence told TO1.

Family settlement: Kirloskar cos to challenge Sebi New Delhi, Four Kirloskar opined on matters that are companies on Tuesday said

they are preparing to legally challenge a letter by markets regulator Sebi, asking them to disclose the deed of family settlement that was signed by members of the Kirloskar family on Sept 11, 2009.

In separate regulatory filings, Kirloskar Ferrous In dustries (KFIL), Kirloskar Industries (KIL), Kırloskar Pneumatic Company and Kırloskar Oil Engines maintained they are not bound by deed of family settlement (DFS) nor does it have any impact or create any restriction or liability on them. Sebi in a letter dated Dec

30, 2024 advised the compamies to disclose the DFS, entered into among the meinbers of the Kirloskar family in their personal capacity, under the Sebi listing obligations and disclosure requirements regulations, they said

Kirloskar siblings, with Santay (Kirloskar Brothers CMD) on one side and Atul and Rahul on the other, have been in a feud since 2016 over the DFS for the assets of the more than 130-yearold Kirloskar group. Rahul Kirloskar is the executive chairman of Kirloskar Pneumatic and Atul Kırloskar is the executive chairman of Kirloskar Oil Engines.

The question of whether the DFS is binding on them. is pending before the civil court since 2018, the Kirloskar companies claimed adding "despite this Sebi has

sub-judice. Further, Sebi's decision not only contains factual inaccuracies but is in complete ignorance of-, settled principles of contract law, corporate laws and company law". Further, the companies asserted that they maintained the stand that they are not bound by the DFS nor does the DFS have any impact on them separately or create any restriction or liability on them

Therefore, the companies said they are "not required to disclose the same" under the Sebi listing obliga tions and disclosure requirements regulations. Each company said they are "in the process of availing its legal remedies to challenge the said Sebi letter by filing appropriate legal proceedings"

Sebi in its letter stated that "since the DFS is subsisting in nature, indirectly creates a restriction on the listed entitles managed/ promoted by the parties to such DFS, warrants disclosure, regardless of whether such listed entity is a party to the agreement or not" under relevant provisions and advised the company "to disclose the DFS in terms of LODR regulations".

Sanjay Kirloskar had filed a complaint for non-disclosure of the DFS, KOEL on Sept 11, 2023 responded to the NSE that it was "an attempt to try and somehow cause KOEL to be bound by the DFS for his own ulterior motives" AGENCIES

Core sector growth rises to 4-mth high

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Growth in the co-

untry's eight key infrastructure sectors rose to a fourmonth high in Nov, led by cement, coal and electricity sec tors. Data released by the commerce and industry ministry on Tuesday showed the eight core sectors, spanning coal, crude oil, natural gas, petroleum/refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity grew 4.3% in Nov. higher than the 3.7% in Oct but lower than the 7 9% in Nov last year

The core sector accounts for over 40% of the index of industrial production (IIP) and a robust outcome has an impact on the data, which is expected to released rater this month.

The cement sector grew 13% in Nov compared to 3.1% in the previous month and a contraction of 4.7% in same month last year. The electricity sector rose 3.8% higher than the 2% recorded in last month but lower than the 5% ın Nov last year.

Coal production remained robust and grew 7.5% in Nov almost at Oct's level of 7.8% and higher than contraction of 0.4% in Nov last year

Two of the eight sectors contracted, with crude oil and natural gas continuing their downtrend. The crude sector contracted for the seventh consecutive month, while the natural gas sector contracted for the fifth month in a row.

"The core sector growth rose to 4.3% in Nov 2024 from a revised 3.7% in October 2024, with an improvement

in half of its 8 constituents, partly reflecting the fading impact of heavy rainfall in the earlier months. The sequential uptick in the core sector's performance was especially driven by a sharp increase in the growth of cement output, on the back of a low base," said Aditi Navar, chief economist at ra-

"Looking ahead, we expect the IIP to grow by 5.7% in Nov 2024, partly benefitting from the uptick in core sector growth," said Navar.

tings agency ICRA

10-min delivery boom: Cos to watch out for profit, regulatory hiccups

Q-Comm's Rapid Growth May See Speed Bumps In Smaller Cities

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Mumbai: From stocking up on breakfast staples milk and eggs, packs of noodles and chips to satisfy midnight cravings and buying iPhone 16 at the tap of their smartphones, indians shopped their way through quick commerce plat forms last year

10-minute deliveries will continue to be the flavour of 2025 as companies add more categories, expanding consumeruse cases, people especially in the bigger metros do not mind paying some extra amount to get grocery and other supplies delivered at their doorstep and save upon time. But dollars to scale up and enter smaller cities, all of which may not fetch high returns on investment, their profitability may come under pressure.

Potential regulatory challenges could be another area firms may have to navigate in the New Year amid demand from trade groups

to inspect quick commerce compamesfor alleged violation of norms and putting small kiranas out of business.

Earlier this week, the commerce and industry ministry met with firms, the first among a series

and seek comments on comp-.aints levelled against them by FMCG distributors' association and other industry bodies, sources told TO1 Purchases of electronics

stand their business models

small appliances and kitchen appliances will increasingly shift to quick commerce plat forms going ahead, said analysts. In fact, a wider selection of products has already helped companies expand their average order va-

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lue (AOV). From about Rs 300-350 before, AOVs have increased to Rs 450-600, said Shivaraj Javakumar, practice leader, consumer and internet

at Praxis Global Alliance Over the years, companies in the space have quickly moas players spend billions of of such meetings to under-ved beyond grocery to deliver. "From consumers' point of has made the move at the right dustry, executive. Quick com-consume very high AOV cate, losses in Q2 sequentially."

Electronics Will Shift To Quick Commerce TOP 3 PLAYERS

Market size Estimated \$6.1 billion ın sales as of 2024



> Blinkit Swiggy Instamart > Zepto **NEW ENTRANTS**

> Flipkart

FIRMS' 2025 PLAYBOOK

To enter newer markets Expand categories and choice of products > More dark stores

a host of non-grocery items to

consumers with some of

them like Zepto now testing

the potential of 10-minute fo-

od delivery with the launch of

a separate cafe app. For FMCG

companies, about 30% of the

online sales have already mo-

ved to quick commerce.

Source: Datum Intelligence.

Amazon (in pilot phase) > Myntra with 30-minute delivery of fashion and beauty products > Reliance

view, there is definitely the ne-

ed for quick commerce. The

platforms offer a lot of convenience," said Javakumar The growth of rapid deliveries has nudged e-commerce giants Flipkart, Amazon and even fashion player Myntra to foray into the space. "Myntra

wing fast and even if 10% of the fashton sales move to the 10-minute delivery platforms, it will be challenging for Myntra. They have to be there," said Satish Meena, adviser at Datum Intelligence Already.companies ranging from Fabindia and Decathlon to Bata have launched their selection on quick commerce platforms with more brands queuing up to take a bite of rapid deliveries.

The rising influence of the Gen Z in terms of dictating household spends will continue to fuel appetite for quick commerce and companies will only leverage this trend. "Consumption patterns are changing The younger lot is much more empatient and companies are trying to capture this cohort because the market size then increases for them," said an inmerce sector is estimated to surpass \$6 billion in sales in 2024 from \$3.5 billion in 2023, industry data suggests, "In 2025, consumers will have access to an even broader selection of general merchandise from pharma, electronics and fashion to kitchen essentials deli vered to their doorstep in 10 minutes," said a Swiggy Instamart spokesperson adding that the company will set up bigger dark stores in tier one and two cities, equipped to house over 50,000 products.

The sector seems to be on a good stead and companies have found favour with investors-Zepto alone bagged over \$1 billion in funding in 2024; however, as companies plot their expansion by entering smaller cities, profitability will be a challenge. "People in smaller cities do not gories. For instance, an item like liquid detergent which is popular in metros offer better margins than detergent which finds space in more households in smallercities," said Jayakumar Beyond cities like Kochi,

Jaipur which house tech talent with spending power, scaling in tier two and three cities may be difficult and as companies expand, profitability may be a challenge which is what happened with food delivery as well, said analysts. Major players Swiggy (Instamart separately is also in losses) and Zepto's businesses remains in the red, filings showed. While Swiggy posted consolidated losses of Rs 625 crore in the Sept quarter, higher sequentially. Zepto's FY24 losses stood at Rs 1,200 crore. Blinkit reported higher adjusted EBITDA

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THE NIGHT EX-HOST DAVID LETTERMAN SAYS SHOWBIZ MADE HIM A WORSE PERSON', FOUND HUMANITY LIVING QUIET LIFE IN INDIANA FELT UP ON SETS, 'FORCED' TO DO PHOTOSHOOT AFTER MISCANRIAGE

Airport embankment in focus after South Korea plane crash



TRAGEDY AVERTED IN LOS ANGELES: The US FAA has launched a probe after a private jet carrying the Gonzaga University men's basketball team nearly crossed a runway as another flight was taking off Finday at Los Angeles Internationa. Airport, Footage of the moment showed Delta. Flight 471 was about to take off when an air-traffic controller was heard screaming 'Stop, stop, stop!' at the basketball team's charter plane, operated by Key Lime Air, Luckily, the warning worked and no one was hurt

ir safety experts Tuesday kment into which a South Korean passenger jet slammed after skidding past the end of the ru nway resulting in the country's dead.iest domestic air d.saster. All 175 passengers and four of the six crew were killed on Sunday when the Jeju Air plane belly-landed at Muan International Airport, ploughed into the sand-and-concrete embank ment and burst into a fireball.

What caused the pilot to at tempt the landing after decla ring an emergency was still un der investigation. But comments in the airport's operating ma nual, uploaded early in 2024, sa ad the embankment was too close to the end of the runway and recommended that the location of the equipment be reviewed during a planned expansion.

A transport ministry official said authorities would need to check the document before replying to questions. Experts criticised the positioning of the embankment, which held navi gation equipment, "Unfortuna tely, that thing was the reason that everybody got killed, because they literally hit a concrete structure," Captain Ross At mer, the chief executive of Aero Consulting Experts, said

The Boeing 737-800's "black box" flight data recorder recov-

S Korean court

issues warrants

to detain Yoon,

search his office

Seoul: A South Korean court is-

sued warrants on Tuesday to

detain impeached President

Yoon Suk Yeol and search his of

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Lons of rebellion in connection

with his short-lived declaration

of martial law It's the first time

a warrant has been issued to de-

tain a sitting South Korean pre-

sident. But experts say there is

little chance of detention or se-

arches unless Yoon is formally

removed from office. The Cons-

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whether to dismiss Yoon as pre-

Court issued warrants to detain

Youn and to search the presi-

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central Seoul, according to a sta

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have joined the investigations.

Transport ministry officia-Is said most South Korean air ports were built based on International Civil Aviation Organisation rules that recommend a 240m runway-end safety area However, a domestic law allows adjustments in a range that does not "significantly affect" the facility's performance. "We'll look into whether there are any conflicts in our own regulations." Kim Hong-rak, director general for airport policy, said.

Maan International Airport's operations manual said the navigation equipment, or localtsers, had been installed too near the end of the runway. or just 199 m from the crash site The document, prepared by Korea Airports Corp, said the air port authority should "review securing additional distance during phase two of airport expansion". Officials have previously said the structure was about 250 m from the end of the runway itself, though a paved apron extends past that, REUTERS

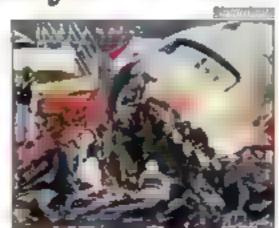
'24 Manual Sought Structure's Review, From bird strike to jet crash: Saying It Was Too Near To Runway Mystery of 4 fateful minutes

lready 30 minutes behind schedule, the pulot flying Lthe Jeju Air jet with 181 people on board was preparing to land at his destination in southwestern South Korea on Sunday morning when the control tower warned him about flocks of birds in the area.

Two minutes later, at 8.59am (local time), the pilot reported a "bird strike" and "emergency", officials said. He told the air traffic control tower that he weuid do "a go-around", meaning he would abort his first landing bid and circle in the air to prepare for a second attempt, But he apparently did not have enough time. Instead, just a minute later, the veteran pilot — with nearly 7,000 flight hours in his career - was approaching the runway from opposite direction, from north to south. And 3 minutes later, at 9.03am, his plane, Jeju Air Flight 7C2216, slammed into a concrete structure off the southern end of the runway in a ball of flames

All but two of the 181 people on board were killed. As officials were racing to probe the crash, a central question has emerged among analysts: What happened during the 4 minutes between the pilot's urgent report of burd strike and the crash? Footage of the Boeing 737-800 landing at the airport showed it skidding down the runway wit hout its landing gear deployed

As it hurtled along on its belly, engulfed by what looked like clouds of dust, smoke and sparks, it did not seem able to slow its speed before slamming into the concrete structure 820 feet after the end of the runway "Why was the pilot in such a hurry to land," said Hwang Howon, chair of the Korea Association for Aviation Security When pilots plan to do a belly landing, they usually try to buy time, Hwang said. But the pilot apparently decided that he didn't have such time, he said.



Experts who have watched the footage of the landing said the plane appeared to experien

'Did he lose both engines?"

ce a fatal combination of factors that made the crash far worse than it could have been. The Muan airport normally has a 9,200-foot long runway But when the Jeju Air plane was landing, only 8,200 feet of it was usable because of constru ction work underway to extend the runway (Still, this is long enough for landing 737-800s, officials say) As it landed, the pla ne's pilot also appeared unable to control both its engines and landing gear, depriving him of two of the plane's three key means of slowing down; the lan ding gear brake and the engines' reverse thrusts, aviation experts said. They said the pla ne also did not appear to have activated its wing flaps, another means of cutting down speed. The plane went so fast that it overshot the runway and rammed straight into the concrete structure for localizer antenna

"Engine trouble doesn't necessarily mean landing gear trouble; the two are not necessa rily related," said Pack Seung joo, a professor of public safety But in this case both appear to have happened," And analysts said if both engines were lost. the pilot could still manually lower the landing gear. But given the hurried way the pilot tried to land, he might not have had enough time, they said. "Quest ions like these won't be answer ed until they examine the jet's flight data recorder," J Y Jung. an aviation expert said, with

WORLD RINGS IN HAPPY 2025!







with spectacular light shows. Countries in the South Pacific Ocean are the first to ring in the New Year, with midnight in New Zealand striking 18 hours before the ball drop in Times Square in New York. (above clockwise) Sydney, Hong Kong and Bangkok

On NYE, Puerto Rico in dark as grid collapses

A major power outage plunged much of Puerto Rico into dark-A ness on Tuesday, with the US island territory's electric utility saying restoration could take up to two days. The "island-wide" blackout" began at 5.30am (local time), Luma Energy, which manages power transmission on the Island, said, Prefiminary findings pointed to a fault on an underground cable as the cause, although the probe was still underway. The outage comes just hours ahead of New Year's Eve ce ebrations. Luma added in a subsequent statement that service had been restored in some areas, including a medical center and hospital in the capital San Juan, Around noon, about 15% of Luma's clients had service. AP

US treasury says Chinese hackers stole documents. **Beijing denies**

Washington: Chinese hackers remotely accessed several treasury department workstations and unclassifi ed documents after compro mising a third party software service provider, the agency said on Monday. The depart ment did not provide details on how many workstations had been accessed or what sort of documents the hackers may have obtained, but it said in a let ter to lawmakers revealing the breach that "at this time there is no evidence indicating the threat actor has continued ac cess to treasury information." The hack was being investigated as a "major cybersecurity incident," it added.

In Bening, a foreign ministry spokesperson gave China's standard response to hacking allegations. "We have repeatedly stated our position on such groundless accusa trons that lack evidence." Mao Ning said at a daily briefing

The treasury department said it learned of the latest prob.em on Dec 8, when a third-party software service provider, BeyondTrust, flagged that hackers had stolen a key "used by the vendor to secure a cloud-based service used to remotely provide technical support" to workers. AP

MAGA hardliners now target OPT for int'l students as optics of H-lB changes

KATE BECKINSALE ON H'WOOD'S DARK SIDE, SAYS WAS ASSAULTED &

Claim That Work Permit Is 'Killing' **Jobs For American College Graduates**

Chidanand Raighatta | TNN

Washington: MAGA nativists are taking aim at the OPT (Optional Practical Training) programme that helps foreign students and graduates, many from India, stay back in the United States to gain work experience, even as the optics surrounding the H 1B guest worker visa is changing rapidly.

After a fierce campaign against the H-1B visa program me that has forced pledges from the incoming Trump White House to review and reform it on grounds it is being misused to replace American workers, hardliners are now putting the OPT, seen as a precursor to H 1B, under the lens. Typically, foreign students who come to - In many cases, they transition the US on an F1 visa are eligible to participate in OPT after their first academic year and rem am in the US — for up to three years in case of STEM graduates to gain work experience.

MAGA's 'America First' ha rdliners are arguing that OPT was originally intended as a short-term work permit for sk ill development, but has now "evolved into a tool to secure US robs and a pathway for securing long-term work visas like the H-1B". "Employers saw



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dents coming to the US.

To participate in OPT, a stud-

ent must get approval from the

school/college/university and

then file an application for em-

ployment authorisation with

the US Citizenship and Immig-

ration Services (USCIS). There

is no limit on the number of Fi

or M1 non-mmigrants who

may participate in OPT. A vast

majority (98%-99%) of OPT

participants are in F1 status.

OPT workers as desperate, willing to do anything for H1B sponsorship before their permit expired," the nativist tech workers coalition said Sunday, calling it "the largest guest worker programme killing jobs for new American college grads"

Many foreign students, particularly those from India, come to study in the US on the premise that they will get on employment for practical trai-OPT to gain work experience. on to H-1B visas during or nearing conclusion of the OPT period, giving them up to nine years in the US. In that time, some manage to get green cards and eventually become US citizens. According to a Congressio

nal Research Service report, in calendar year 2023, there were 1.5 million F1 and M1 (vocational training) students and recent graduates in the US. About 23% of those (344,686) were authorised to work via OPT.

Some US policymakers ha-Killing OPT would effective long argued for restricting

se it allows educated foreign nationals to contribute to the economy and makes the US a more attractive destination for foreign students, who also bolster the finances of US colleges. In fact, the OPT programvely mean foreign students would have to exit the US after graduation without the benefit of gaming work experience, a

me, which originally allowed a one year work stint, was extended by successive Republican and Democratic govts. In 2008, prescription that would likely the Bush administration extedrastically reduce foreign stunded the maximum period of OPT from 12 months to 29 mon-The OPT programme dates ths for F1 students who had coback to 1947, when regulations mpleted a degree in science, teprovided that foreign students chnology, engineering, or matmay work "In cases where hematics (STEM). In 2016, the Obama administration furtning is required or recommenth her extended it to 36 months ded by the school" and appro- for those with STEM degrees. ved by immigration officials.

or eliminating the OPT programme, maintaining that it

operates as a closet foreign worker programme without con-

gressional approval, displaces

US students and recent gradu-

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onal security risks. Others ha-

ve argued that OPT should be continued or expanded becau-

Both administrations cited the economic, cultural, and academic contributions of foreign students, as well as national security concerns related to US economic and technological competitiveness, as justification for the extensions. But MAGA nativists, riding on their campaign against H1B, are now saying 'nyet' in an effort to nix the OPT, blindsiding the US academia which values foreign students both as a financial and academic resource.

No legal barrier to prevent Awami League from polls: EC

Dhaka: There is "no current legal barrier" preventing the Awami League from contesti ng polls, Bangladesh chief election commissioner AMM Na sir Uddın has said, amid lawsii its in courts seeking orders to

bar the Sheikh Hasinaled party from participating in the national elections, the date of which is yet to be finalised Healsoannounced that preparations for

the national polls are in progress, days after Bangladesh in terim govt chief Muhammad Yunus said elections - pen ding since the fall of the Hasi na govt in Aug — are likely to be held between the end of 2025 and the first half of 2026.

Addressing concerns about the participation of Awami League in the elections. Nasir

Uddin, during a 'view-ex change' meeting in Chittagong on Monday said, "It is primari ly a political matter." "Some in dividuals have filed lawsuits seeking court orders to bar the Awami League from participa ting. If the court issues such a verdict, we will act according

ly. Otherwise, it remams a political deci sion "he said. The CEC asserted that "there is no current legal barrier preventing the party from contesting"

In a discussion on finalisa tion poli date during a 'view exchange' meeting in Cumilia. Nasir Uddın, said, "We are awaiting reports from various reform commissions, inclu ding the election commission reform. Once we receive these. we will have a clearer idea about the timeline for the elections (with a specific date).

Issue July Uprising Declaration' by Jan 15: Students' outfit

Dhaka: A day after the Bangladesh interan govt initiated efforts to draft a 'July Uprising' Declaration' based on "national consensus", leaders of a st udent organisation, which led protests to oust the Sheikh Hasina govt, on Tuesday demanded it be issued by Jan 15, a move apparently backed by the Jamaat-e-Islami, reports Ahsan Tasnim. The Anti Discrimination Student Movement had initially planned to announce its own declaration, but cancelled it after the govt announced the 'July Uprising Declaration', which is being seen as a move to give the July-Aug protests the stature of the declaration of liberation

Yunus pays tribute to Manmohan Singh at mission

Dhaka: Bangladesh chief ad viser Muhammad Yunus on Tuesday visited the Indian high commission in Dhaka and paid tributes to former PM Manmohan Singh, who passed away last week, reports Ahsan Tasnim. Yunus, who was received by high commissioner Pranay Kumar Verma, placed a floral wreath at the portrait of the late PM. The chief adviser spoke briefly with Verma, and recalled his friendship with Singh, saying he played a big role in turning India into a global economic giant. The chief adviseralso paid tributes to former US president and fellow Nobel laureate Jimmy Carter, who died on Saturday.

Pentagon frees detainee held at Gitmo since Day I

repatriated a Tunisian detamee who was brought to the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay, the day it opened, was never charged at the war court and was approved for transfer more than a decade ago. Ridah Bin Saleh al Yazidi, 59, spent years languishing at the wartime prison because deals could not be made to repatriate or resettle him.

He was airlifted from the base in a secret operation that was completed 11 months after the defence department notifi ed Congress that it had reach edan agreement to return him to Tunisian custody the Pentagon said. It offered no details on the security arrangements

surrounding his return. Yazıdı's transfer was the fourth in two weeks in a late other person among those ori-Biden administration push to reduce the detainee popula tion at the prison, which held 40 prisoners when President Biden took office. His depar-: ture left 26 detainees, 14 of

The Pentagon on Monday them approved for transfer to other countries with diplomatic and security arrangements. Another nine are in pretrial proceedings or convicted of war crimes. The prison enters its 24th year in Jan

Yazıdı was the last of a do-

zen Tunisians once held at the prison, most of whom were captured in Afghanistan or Pakistan after the Sept 11 attacks and brought to Guantanamo Bay as terrorism suspects. He was sent to the wartime prison the day it opened, Jan 11, 2002, and so was photographed kneeling anonymously in a crude open-air compound at Guantanamo's Camp X-Ray in one of the detention operation's

most iconic photos. With his transfer, only one ginal 20 detainees is still held at the prison: Ali Hamza al-Bahlul, who is serving a life sentence for conspiring to commit war crimes as a media adviser to Osama bin Laden, wit

DAILY PLANET



People wearing 1900 style costumes take part in the traditional last swim of the year off the beach at Cabourg, France, on Tuesday

Jolie and Pitt reach divorce settlement after 8 yrs of dispute



ngerina Joile and Brad Pitt, who got married in 2014. have reached a divorce settlement, ending one of the longest and most contentious divorces in Hollywood history. "More than eight years ago, Angelina filed for divorce from Mr. Pitt." Jolie's attorney said. "Angelina is exhausted, but she is relieved this one part is over." Jolie and Pitt signed off on a default declaration filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on Monday. It says they give up the right to any future spousal financial support, but gives no other details. Jolie, 49, and Pitt, 61, were among Holly wood's most prominent pairings for 12 years, two of them as a married couple. The Os-

car winners have six children.

said Pitt physically abused her

and their children. The FBI and

child services officials probed Pitt's actions on the flight but did not bring charges. A Judge in 2019 deciared volle and Pitt divorced, but the splitting of assets and child custody needed to be separately settled. Soon after, a private judge that the two had hired to handle the case reached a decision that included equal custody of their children, but Joke filed to have him removed from the case over conflict of interest. The coupie had to start the process over. The use of the private judge has kept the details of the divorce targely under wraps. Some disputes, however, have been revealed through a separate lawsuit filed by Pitt over Jolie's sale of her haif of a French winery they owned. The battle over winery would go on. AP

AROUND THE WORLD nobiewoman Murasaki Shik bu is one of history's first novels, the first by a woman to have won recognition across world & n together Jolie filed for divorce in 2016, after a private jet flight from Europe during which she

The Tale of Genji', written in

early 11th century by Japanese

Japan today has a stature like that of Shakespeare in England

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How Musk has planted himself almost literally at Trump's doorstep President-elect JD Vance has not typically bill guests until to the 'Center of the Universe. Maggie Haberman, Jonathan The cottage where he has been

Swan and Ryan Mac

¬ lon Musk plays many ro₂es with President-elect Don-L_∡ald Trump. He is Trump's most important donor, most influential social media promoter and a key adviser. For most of the time since Election Day, he

has also been Trump's tenant Musk has been using one of the cottages available for rent on Trump's property at Mar-a-Lago, the former Marjorte Merriweather Post home in Florada that Trump converted into a

staving, named Banyan, is several hundred feet away from the main house, according to a person who knows the property. Staying right on the grou-

nds has he ped give Musk with easy access to Trump. He can drop in on Trump's dinners, such as one he had recently with Musk's rival. Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, Musk, who spent more than a quarter of a billion dollars in the final months of this year's election cycle to he.p. elect Trump, has attended personnel meetings in the Mar-amembers-only club and hotel in Lago Teahouse, sat in on calls



DON'S TENANT: For much of the period since Election Day, Musik has been staying at a \$2,000-a-night cottage at Mar-a-Lago, giving him easy access to the president-elect

hours with Trump in his office Musk is not the only member of the president-elect's inner circle who has been bun-1990s, according to two sources. with foreign leaders and spent - king on Trump's property. Vice - a night. Officials at the club do - are you? When are you coming - White House residence, with

staved in one of the cottages at Mar-a-Lago when he has been in Palm Beach and has been there frequently during the transition, a person with knowledge of his stays said. And others are said to have used cottages since Election Day, But few have been as omnipresent as Musk.

Trump has bragged to people that Musk — the world's richest man is "renting" one of the residential spaces at Mar-a-Lago. It is unclear how much Musk will end up paying for the cottage, which historically has rented for at least \$2,000

the end of stay, leaving open the possibility that Trump will ch oose not to charge Musk, or to reduce the size of his bill. But Trump is not known to shy away from uncome opportunities.

Musk moved into the cottage around Election Day and watched the returns at Mar a Lago with Trump. He left the property around Christmas and has been expected to return in the coming days. On Friday, in a post on Truth Social that seemed intended as a

Mar-a Lago, Bill Gates asked to come, tonight. We miss you and x! New Year's Eve is going to be AMAZING" DJT "

Some of Trump's advisers have privately griped about how much influence Musk has had on the transition and how unseparable he is from the president-elect. Musk is unlikely to have such unfettered physical access to Trump after the president-elect is sworn in on Jan 20 in Washington, Coming and going in the West Wing is private communication to more onerous than at Trump's Musk, Trump wrote: "Where private clubs, as is access to the TIMES & TECHIES

With 2025 upon us we asked senior tech execs what they thought were some important tech trends to watch out for. Most of them, predictably, spoke of the growing dominance of AI in every aspect of our lives. From custom AI agents and AI PCs to more linguistically diverse platforms, AI is set to dominate the tech scene for another year, at least.

Al on the edge is coming

One of the most exciting areas of progress in the field of artificial intelligence is edge Al, where devices and IoT gadgets can handle AI tasks right where they are-locally. With hardware, ike NPUs becoming a standard feature in devices, real-time applications such as language translation and advanced vision processing are becoming more efficient and accessible. This evolution not only

> improves performance but also enables businesses of all sizes to leverage Aleffectively. Companies like us are driving advancements in edge Al by equipping developers with tools and platforms to address tocalised and complex challenges. In India, the pace of dig tal transformation is p.cking up quickly, highlighting the importance of adopting Al in timely and effective way. With its unique demographics and dynamic markets, India has the potential to become a global leader in Al innovation,

> > Krishna Rangasayee

SIMa" FOUNDER, SMALAL E



The Year of Synthetic Data and Quantum Innovation

▲ s organisations worldwide embrace the transformative power of AI, 2025 will Amark a pivotal year defined by five interconnected trends that will reshape industries and amplify innovation. The first is Models as Products: The shift toward deploying pre-trained, specialised models will redefine Al adoption. Beyond generative Al, organisations will rely on deterministic models for fraud detection, optimisation, and more, allowing for scalable and actionable insights. The second trend is the Synthetic data revolution. Synthetic data will become indispensable in addressing privacy concerns and enhancing At performance, Industries, ike healthcare and finance will see up to 50% improvements in model accuracy. thanks to synthetic data's ab lity to simulate rare events and refine predictive capabilities. The third trend relates to Al governance. As Ai decisionmaking permeates critica, areas like lending and insurance, organ sations will prioritise oversight, platform compliance, and ethical practices. Equally important will be Al cloud cost optimisation. With the growing deployment of Al at scale, managing cloud expenses will take centre stage. Organisations will explore innovative strategies to balance performance with cost-efficiency. ensuring sustainable Al operations, On top of that, Quantum unlock new frontiers in Al and data analysis. Industries will begin leveraging quantum capabilities to tack e complex problems, setting the stage for breakthroughs in optimization and computational speed. Bryan Harris | CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER, SAS

Human language will become less critical to Agentic Al proliferation

A s developers continue to train Al models on increasingly vast. amounts of content, the progress of Al will soon exceed the constraints of human anguage. This creates two significant challenges that Al solution providers must address in the coming year. Firstly, I foresee that the conflict between content creators and model developers will reach a breaking point in 2025. Large Al developers and data providers are already facing pushback from artists, musicians, and consumers as they use more

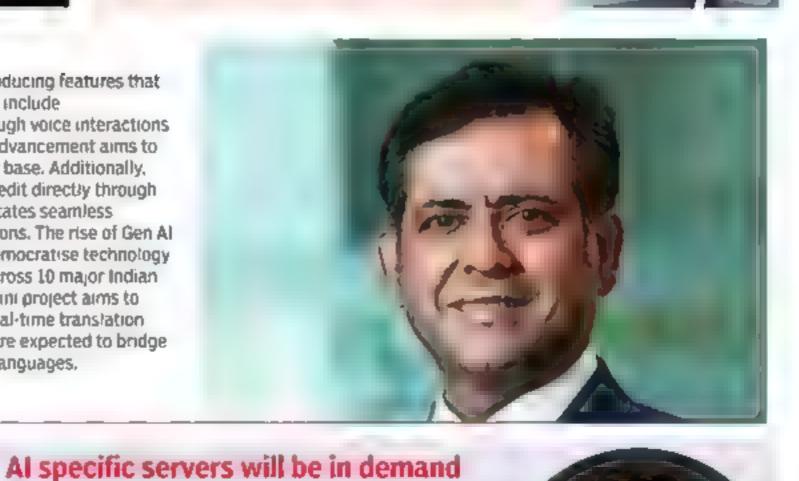
and more human-created content to train their models. The demand for Al model training data is enormous, with one estimate suggesting that by 2028, developers will require all avai ab e internet text to train their models. As Al's demand for humangenerated data grows, the value of this data and the influence of those who control it will rise significantly. Secondly, I believe this issue along with other language-related constraints will push Al models to evolve beyond human language by 2025.

Prince Kohii | CTO, AUTOMATION ANYWHERE

UPI 3.0 and Al for Bharat

PI 3.0 is poised to revolutionise digital transactions in India by introducing features that enhance user convenience and financial inclusion. Key innovations include conversational payments, enabling users to conduct transactions through voice interactions with Al-powered systems, initially supporting Hindi and English. This advancement aims to make digital payments more intuitive and accessible to a broader user base. Additionally, the integration of credit lines allows users to access pre-sanctioned credit directly through their UPI apps, providing greater financial flexibility. This feature facilitates seamless borrowing and spending without the need for separate credit applications. The rise of Gen Almodels tailored for India's diverse linguistic landscape is also set to democratise technology access. Initiatives like Sarvam AI offer low-cost high-quality models across 10 major Indian languages alongside English. Similarly, the Indian government's Bhashini project aims to develop a National Public Digital Platform for languages, facilitating real-time translation and interpretation in various Indian languages. These advancements are expected to bridge linguistic divides, enabling more Indians to leverage AI in their native languages.

Rohan Sachdey | PARTHER AND NATIONAL LEADER, CONSULTING SERVICES, BY INDIA



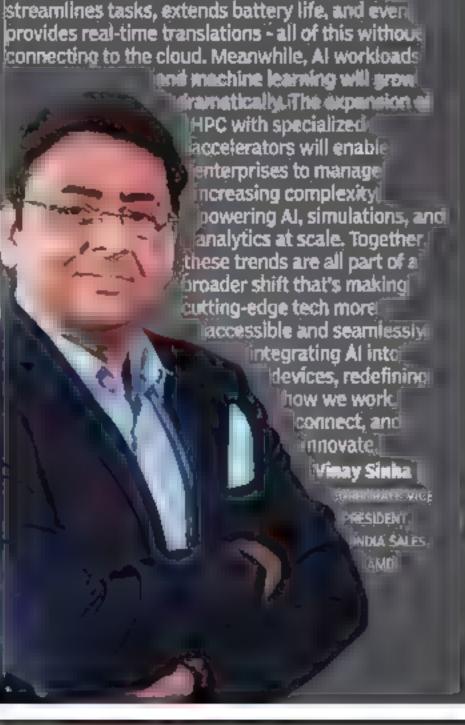


Small models will dominate

1024 has been a transformative year for Al innovation and Lithis momentum will continue in 2025. India will continue to democratise AI, as we develop cost-effective Small Language Models (SLMs) and multilingual models to cater to the linguistic diversity of the country. SLMs will see increased adoption in 2025 by enterprises across all major. sectors, which will benefit from its increased efficiency, low compute and personalisation nature. Emerging technology capabilities like multi-moda input and output, deeper reasoning and processing rich context will go mainstream and pave the way for an Agentic world where Al agents can act on our behalf across our life, work and organ sations. Rajiv Kuttar MD AND PRESIDENT, MICROSOFT INDIA DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Al PCs will continue to evolve

believe we are truly at the intersection of multiple breakthroughs. In 2025, two key tech trends will stand out - the evolution of AI PCs and the rapid expansion of High-performance computing (HPC) in the cloud and at the edge. At PCs represent all transformative shift from incremental upgrades to devices with predictive capabilities, adaptive interfaces, and on-device processing. These innovations deliver faster response times, improved data security, and the ability to handle complex tasks offline, reshaping everyday workflows. For instance, imagine a laptop that adjusts its performance based on your most used apps. streamlines tasks, extends battery life, and even provides real-time translations - all of this without connecting to the cloud. Meanwhile. At workloads and machine learning will grow dramatically. The expansion of HPC with specialized acceterators will enable interprises to manage ncreasing complexity)





in the coming year. These servers are designed to handle the unique demands of

heat than standard servers, we can expect to see

3024 has seen a stronger demand for Al servers, fuelled by the

Increased adoption of Al and generative Al tools. As these

servers consume significantly more power and generate more

increased demand for Al-spec fic infrastructure Al workloads, with optimized storage and memory to enable high-speed server-to-server communication, scalable storage systems, and efficient power management. The challenge for businesses will be on how they manage the high implementation and maintenance costs of this infrastructure. Employing a hybrid cloud strategy, combining on-premises

infrastructure with cloud-based Al services can help reduce these costs while providing scalability. In 2025, we will also see increased scrutiny on businesses to act in an environmentally sustainable manner, with some markets ntroducing legislation imposing tighter restrictions on the disclosure of climate risks. For data centres, the chailenge will be balancing the

need for innovation and scalability with its carbon footprint. Arnit Luthra Managing Director, ISG, LENOVO RIDIA

Software and Hardware as a Service

n 2025, technology is changing at a pace never seen before, and SHaaS (Software and Hardware as a Service) is poised to revolutionise the way enterprises adopt and use technology. Emerging Generative Ai platforms showcase the groundbreaking potential of this approach, enabling bus nesses to create, deploy, and scale solutions in a matter of minutes. What used to

require years to innovate now becomes a weekly occurrence, so the pace of new, creative, disruptive technologies is unprecedented. Autonomous solutions for software, powered by Al. IoT, blockchain, and mixed reality, shall be the future—showing dynamic, customised service, which goes beyond the very concept of SaaS itself. This trend brings the biggest challenge to the old players in the software space because it makes possible deployment of live, fully integrated solutions almost overnight. SHaaS is the next wave of innovation. that can revolutionise and unlock the possibilities of any industry across the globe

Piyush Somani | FOUNDER, CMD & CEO, ESDS SOFTWARE SOLUTION



Extended reality will finally be here

The usage of extended reality (XR) will increase. In this evolving landscape, multimodal Al will seamlessly integrate into real-world human interactions and navigation. Technology will become more intuitive and responsive to human needs including security and privacy, offering enterprises new opportunities to elevate customer experiences and empower employees. For example, spatial computing will augment customer service, buyer experiences, traveller experiences, patient-provider interactions, and remote work. XR and Al powered solutions for inspection and preventive maintenance will impact safety and environmental protection in addition to operational efficiency. We will also witness an increase in autonomous machines with over-the-air (OTA) updates. Autonomous industrial robots will proliferate, and Software Defined Medical Devices will evolve towards autonomous preventive maintenance and self-healing with minimal human intervention and down time. Sandinya Arun | CTO, WIPRO

Datacentres will mushroom everywhere

A siwe look ahead to 2025, we at Intel believe that expanding data Rentre capacity is not just critical; it is non-negotiable to meet the demands of digital future. India contributes to approximately 20 percent of the world's data, yet most of it is stored and processed in servers overseas. By moving the storage and processing of this vast amounts of data within the nation's borders, we would not only be contributing to security, compliance, and good governance, but this would also significantly reduce the latency of training localised Almodels using this data. This would also yield an overall costeffective model, as transferring large volumes of data to overseas cloud servers will incur heavy, recurring costs due to subscriptions. With the growth in localised data centres, we can expect to come down further through economies of scale as more data centres. come online. The tech ecosystem needs to focus on reimagining the way data centres are built while focusing on cost, latency, and security aspects in addition to addressing some of the environmental challenges like water and power. Investing in local data centres— akin to building highways or other infrastructure, is critical to India's future as the nation aims to be an Al powerhouse. Santhosh Viswanathan | VP AND MD, INTEL, INDIA REGION



SaaS will transform to serviceas-a-software

In 2025, the biggest innovations will be around agentic At. It will force companies that sell software-as-a-service to offer service-as-a-software. Take a company like Salesforce. Today, their revenue comes from per seat sales. But with Al and automation, if the number of people their customers have reduces, so will their revenue. So now, they are moving towards seiling At agents. They'li tell their customers, instead of your salesperson doing it, my All agent will do it. And the pricing could be outcome based, say, the number of tickets the Al agents close. Pari Natarajan CEO, ZINNOV



A thought for today

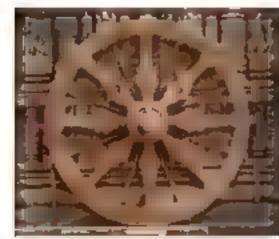
The world changes, and all that once was strong now proves unsure

Keep Calm, It'll Pass

2025 is the quarter mark of this century. Big things are in ferment, just like a century back. And they will all settle down, again, just like before

year turns, and brings us a full quarter into the 21st century. We are pitched into chaos and unpredictability democracies A and great powers seem to be foundering, wars have erupted around the world. Whether it's a migrant in the city or a white-collar worker worrying about their job, a student facing bleak prospects, a person struggling with generational change, or someone worried about abstractions like democracy and justice, there's a sense that the sky is always falling on our heads. But zoom out, and 2025 doesn't seem all that different from 1925

A century ago, similar tectonic shifts scrambled people's lives. There was great progress, wealth and inequality. Technology had dizzying effects. If it's the digital frontier today, with AI and biotech innovations, it was the cascading effect of steamships, railways, electrification and telecommunications that shook up social patterns then. The Spanish Flu pandemic of 1920 mirrored the Covid pandemic of 2020. If Indians then were depleted by empire, the West was



witnessing the roaring 20s of excess and deprivation. Then and now, the gains from technological progress and globalisation were unevenly spread. Massive fortunes were made from colonial plunder, monopolies were based on resource extraction, industrial innovation and infrastructure. Despite the First World War, the world retreated rom trade and cooperation, to seize

short-term advantage. Workers feared being replaced by machines, as the stock market soared. Social safety nets, fair regulation and multilateral global institutions were years away.

Meanwhile in India, the freedom movement was in ferment, new mobilisations and coalitions were building, from the Khilafat cause to the Non-Cooperation Movement, Radical politics was building everywhere in the world, from the right and left, just as today. There was a yearning for strongmen, and for solidarity. History doesn't repeat itself, but it certainly seems to rhyme.

This is not to say that events don't matter, or that we're doomed to repeat our traumas. It is not a call to disengagement. But in times of historic tumult, it helps to know that we've seen and survived all this before. Sometimes, small things appear big when you're too close to them. It's also a reminder that a revolution is only a turn of the wheel. Reconstruction follows disaster, war and peace are both inevitable. The Polish poet Wislawa Szymborska wrote about mundane life-sustaining work even in the middle of war, someone pushing the rubble off the road so the corpse-filled wagons can pass, and so on. A generation that lived in conflict gives way to another that remembers little, and another that remembers nothing "In the grass that has overgrown/ causes and effects,/ someone must be stretched out/ blade of grass in his mouth/ gazing at the clouds," And so it is, in good times or bad.

10 Things We Really **Want Gone This Year**



Gassy Judgments | Leave alone Latin, sometimes even their English is Greek to us. SC despairs over 'impenetrable' court verdicts - it recently said an order may be returned to HC to be rewritten, because it couldn't make out a word, so how could appeals proceed? Junk centuries-old style of bad English and incomprehensible gobbledygook. Judges should take law-ranguage lessons, plus get tech help.

Drone-acharyas | Constant electioneering means countless, looong politica speeches. At year's end, you recall none. Sound bites stay, rest is lost. MLK's I Have a Dream ran under 20 minutes, Nehro's Tryst with Destiny under 10 minutes. They had something to say, said it crisply, it's still being heard. Today's netas need to speak short to be listened long.



Weekly OTT Torture | Much-awaited second season of Squid Games dropped all seven ep sodes at the same time. This is much more humane than Only Murders in the Building freeing only one episode a week. Showmakers should end the g mmicky wait times. Look, real life gives us anxiety enough. Additional stress of waiting to find out who oppressed whom in reel worlds is plain sadistic.

Reels Ruling Monuments | Sanchi stupa to Khajuraho, everywhere you go to see what Indians of the past were up to, those of today drag you wally-nilly into their reels and shorts. Someone shooting a bridal film, someone else their jhola-joota collab, one visit and you may end up in 5-50 oifferent background jobs. This is a grave human rights violation.





Holiday Photo-dumps | Other people's vacation pictures are obnoxious. To those of us stuck at home, your travel photo-dump looks like a brag and a drag. You're not bringing the wonders of the world to your social media friends. You're just rep licating a consumer experience like everybody eise. So stop with the utterly unoriginal photo-series. They're no fun: except, of course, when we do it.

Wedding Jams | Yes, it's your big day. But why should it be my bad day? The B q Fat Indian Wedding's biggest turn-off is the traffic jams that come with it. Baraatis do naagin dance with gridlock. Crores are spent on a themed wedding but zero on parking for the 2,000-plus quest list. 8FIWs are lovely for the economy but would be levelier without miles-long snarl-ups.





Blinding Lights | It used to be mandatory to paint the top third of your headlight black, and 'Use Dipper At Night'. Now, LED guns pass for headlights. They are terrible in daytime and torture at night. Complaints have been raised in UK, US, Canada, and given our road conditions a blinded driver may kill or get killed. Let's go back to halogens, please.

Road Hogs | To the thinking man, or woman, a car weighing and hogging as much space as two, burning a litre of fuel every 7-8km, riding on tyres fit for trucks, breaking pedestrians' ribs with its high grille, and tending to flip over at sharp bends due to its high centre of gravity would not make sense. So the SUV said, "They don't think, therefore I am."





Fake Posh | Don't trust builders who stick French or Mediterranean-sounding names on apartments. Collongesla-Rouge in Ludh ana, Biliancourt in Bulandshahr should set alarm belis ringing. If it starts with 'la', is it a ticket to la-la land? Lavasa was a coined word, utterly meaningless, and look where it led. If your apartment in 'Les Bregeres' isn't ready in 15 years, how will you tell cops?

Phone-y Upgrades | Uniess you're a collector, you won't touch the first iPhone from 17 years ago. Five-year-old phone? Nah, 4 gigs of RAM is no good. What do we need more and more for? B ame heavier OSes and apps. Everything's jazzier. A donkey can't bear an elephant's freight. Your old phone dies under modernity's weight. Spare us the upgrades.



REIMAGINE THERE'S NO ...

For the first day of the new year, we decided to be wildly optimistic. What might our world look like if we smartly subverted conventions? Our suggestions

Make Democracy Great Again

Democracy's lost some of its meaning, pundits say True that, but it isn't about fixing tiresome labels on nations. It's about asking just why isn't democracy any longer living up to the demo version. Imagine a world where organised people matter more than organised money. Where the majority's heard, sure, but the minority's not out-shouted or scapegoated. Where We The People are partici pants, not Mute Masses awed by authority Public health, education, infra are the basis of a common flourishing, because

World That's Truly Ordered

tional approach to interna-

Remind them.

Trump wants Panama Canal and Greenland, and tit for-tat tarriffs. His 'Make America Great Again' campaign is unabashedly mercantilist, but 'Made in America' will come apart because all its bits and parts originate from all over the world. A transac

govts aren't political creatures but service providers.

tional relations is self-defeating. We need more of the old collaborative spirit, minus meddling arm twisting hegemons. That's what the UNs, WHOs were to do, right? Speak for the world. Multilateralism sadly has agendas muchly decided by hegemons. A world order with double standards is no order at all. If they're prissy about wars and atrocities, it's for the rest of the world to make international organisations matter again.

Don't Let Sams Run Away With It Make AI work for you, not get used by it. Only way to

beat fear of AI is to face it. Can it be deployed to manipulate decisions, behaviour? Sure it can. Can it help detect cancers or Alzheimer's earlier than traditional methods? That's the idea. Can it help in fraud detection. drug discovery, climate modelling? Yes, yes & many more yesses. Account ability has to be the big push, and not letting profit-driven superstars like OpenAl be sole arbiters of tech's development. Only regulation can balance innovation and social risks. That calls for global consensus (elusive)

It's My Life, Big Govt & Big Tech...

on guardrails AI needs.

It's hard to fall asleep under a stranger's gaze or work with someone watching over your shoulder. That's why privacy is a right we all deserve. but with smartphones and digital 🚑 payments, govt and Big Tech know us inside out. That's got to change. For starters, smartphones - biggest information siphon of all - and their operating systems shouldn't have lopsided user agreements. Nor should all and sundry apps be able to access non-essential phone functions. Govts, set an example by not being

...And It's My Information Too

cavalter about citizen data

There's a reason insider trading is banned - insiders always know more than outsiders. But tech has taken info-asymmetry to a different level. This is a problem

Your bank, employer and govt know more about you than you do about them. Increasing transparency offers a way out. We must know how and where our data's used and what institutions are up to. Fat chance?

Well, we're the new oil a walking datamine How to protect ourselves? Penalty for underhand business models - for example, insurers accessing your fitness band data - is the easy part Tougher to get govt to be transparent on how it uses our data

New News: Facts, Fun & **Smart Figures**

News isn't entertainment, but what engages the reader. What's happening in Ukraine, Gaza or among Maharashtra's onton farmers

is hard facts. Problems arise when facts are coloured and shared. Also, news must than by murderers. So, why make every

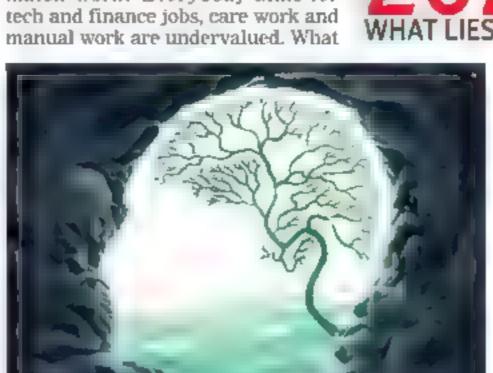
be fun again. And it needs more perspective on bad news. More people get killed by Alzheimer's gory murder a Page 1 splash? News isn't a no-context mind numbing stream of content. Break through science is fun news! Meaningful climate action is great news. News is what is meaningful, what has impact. Reclaim news.

School and college are meant to stretch our minds, prepare us for the work of our society. They're meant a to ensure talent can break free of circumstance. Today, learning attainments are dismal. College is stratified, with a few cases of

excellence in a desert of dead ends. Intense competition makes most young people feel like failures.

What if skills could match work? Everybody aims for

Teaching What Kids & Us Need



if, starting 2025, we could simply think of what society needs, and work backwards to fix schooling?

Forget History, Focus On Now

History has only produced ill-will and bloodshed, as this subcontinent knows. Having authoritative accounts of what happened doesn't stop political entrepreneurs from mangling the past for present gains. Why burden schoolkids with information about long-ago tyrannies, kings and wars? Being aware of millennia of human suffering does not avert any crisis

Teach them about everyday things they encounter in life - the history of black boards, for example. Even loony right and loony left can't start street fights over blackboards. Tell kids, live in the now, make tomorrow better

Your Faith Matters, Not Religion

Great evil and great good have been done in the name of religion. Here we still are, attacking others and presuming to protect god In 2025, may better sense prevail over supposedly holy wars. When organised religion insists on absolute truth or obedience, when it justifies the means with the ends, and declares war on other faiths, it shatters lives When it evokes awareness of the inter-relatedness of all beings, the oneness of existence, it is a source of

goes out, god comes in. **Govts Out Of Bedrooms Please** Young Indians are coming of age in a vastly different world than their parents, grand parents, great grandparents. So stop herding

good. As spiritual people across faiths know, when ego

their relationships into yesteryear moulds, from saat phere to aubool hai, aubool hai, aubool hai Sarkar and goondas, stop peering into their bedrooms. Staying single is great Dating is great Live-in couples don't need notari sation. Whether they be hetero or gay, their happiness is not hurting anyone so why should anyone be hurting them? Yup, happiness can end short of forever Divorce is great too. As is a hot dating scene for the

Don't Bother Woman To Be Mother

To be a woman doesn't have to mean to be a mother That's a choice. This is basic biology and fundamental

> rights. This remains true after marriage too. And of the number of children a woman has. She can be one and done. Yes, the Chinese calling single women 'leftover ladies' is not an uncommon stigma. Also yes, some netas are insist ing women should have more babies, in national interest. But women must now be

understood beyond biological tyrannies. Especially when men's reproductive freedoms are being reimagined via sperm donation.

Don't Just Buy Stuff 'Coz You Can

Trash has reached Everest and the ocean floor, but there are other compelling reasons to reimagine consumption too Compulsive buying is injurious to minds and

finances. So, it's time we thought more about the consequences of our desires and purchases, For example, are biofuels good, what do they do to

food prices? Embracing imperfection, whether it is black spots on tomatoes and apples (less pesticide used) or fraying watch straps and scuffed shoes, can curb resource use and waste. It also buys peace of mind

Home Cooked, Not Factory Made

Our food chain is, literally, a toxic system defined by ultra-processed foods, and cultivation with harmful agrochemicals. What we eat is making us sick - obes.ty's flagged as a public-health emergency

> in UK. We've to snatch back our food from the clutches of agriinfluence both policy and research. Breaking this nexus will preserve crop diversity, soil health, sustainable farming, and

animal husbandry. There's no bigger irony than organic farming & multigrain going elite. Take it to masses. Food as culture is a global phenom & home cooked is not only the way to go but also the one thing fully in our control.

Retire Old Notions Of Getting Old Sleep, Exercise & Nutrition (SEN) help

us live better lives longer But to make that happen, the world needs to redesign Life as we've lived it is summarily 'snapped' at 60, often triggering stress that makes mincemeat of SEN goals Policy geeks are still tweaking pension age viewing the 'old as a "cost" But companies & techies are smarter, hiring/re-hiring 60-pluses to fill skill gaps, designing for this new cohort. Marketers see them as a spending force. Overhaul the Learn-Work-Retire model. Work in

phases. Learn anytime. Retire? Whenever you're ready. Healthcare? That's what a lifelong paying of tax must deliver

Embrace Boredom, It Can Spark Ideas

So much to-do, yet, everything's such a bore. But what is boredom? 'Whatever's boring' goes one definition - to each their own 'boring'. A 'longing without any particular object'. 'An 🔒 absence of mood'. From boredom, It's said, rose the gods. As a solution to [7] boredom, Pascal suggested, "find a /2" god". Boredom's the mind left to itself, to ignite a eureka spark Disengaged to the point of laziness - the pause, the lolling. Heidegger said, "philosophy's born in boredom's nothingness"; that boredom makes us

"experience time as time". Fear not this nothingness It's the cradie of creativity.

Make Jono Bonito Again

Footballer X makes a run from the midfield, then a long ball to the left winger, who crosses the ball in, a scramble in front of goal follows, and a tall centre-

forward somehow pokes the ball into the net. This sequence of play can be from anywhere: Liverpool to Sapporo. And it spells the death of the beautiful game. So, to begin with, Brazil, the home of beautifu football, must play like Brazil again Brazilian players are getting Europeanised, Brazilian coaches are scared of art and beauty.

Football is losing its soul. Best way? Nurture young Samba wizards at home, pay them more and dissuade them from going to Europe.



Sacredspace For last year's



words belong to last year's tanguage And next year's words await another voice And to make an end is to make a beginning. **TS Eliot**

Let 2025 Be When You Connect More To Live Better

Radhanath Swami

very year, on the night of Dec 31st, we welcome the new year with Lexcitement We also bid farewell to the year gone by. Each year teaches us lessons, things that went well, the right choices and mistakes we made, relationships gained and lost, successes and failures, and much more

Many a time we desire to make resolutions for the new year. Resolutions are made and often forgotten. It is seen that few people stick to their resolutions for up to six months, and very few see them through to the end.

Instead of repeating the usual patterns, adopting a new approach to the upcoming year can fill us with optimism. Let us focus on three simple aspects this year: Invest, Grow and Connect, IGC. Invest in meaningful relationships, grow in life through small yet consistent steps, and connect with Divinity. These simple actions can not only make our new year fulfilling but also impart a novel sense of joy

Relationships bring both joy and stress. Investing in relationships is important. Studies say about 90% of personal stress stems from them. The umbal ance between what is given and what is expected often leads to disappointment

Technology helps us stay connected but it has also made our relationships shallow Endless scrolling often replaces moments that could have been spent with someone we care about. How many relationships are truly developed through excessive usage of social media? Sometimes, we become so engrossed by technology that we fondly converse with people ail over the globe without caring for our

next-door neighbour

Spending time with loved ones can fall life with deeper meaning. The year ahead is full of opportunities to invest in personal relationships that can bring inner satisfaction.

Rather than merely going through life, efforts could be made to grow through life. Growth happens quietly in small steps. A part of our new year resolution could be to develop willingness to acknowledge our

> mistakes, to forgive and let go of trivial things that may often consume the mind. Life, much like a device. needs a source of power to function. Without connect.on

THE SPEAKING TREE to something higher, life can often seem worthless and purposeless.

The Bhagwad Gita (5.29) mentions that the one who connects with the Supreme finds peace. Prayer, meditation, or even a simple moment of gratitude can fill our life with inner joy. These practices may be small, but their impact is lasting. They of

Connection with Divinity also helps us navigate through life's challenges in a dignified manner. The Gita (2.70) gives a beautiful analogy of a person who is connected with the Supreme Source. Since time immemorial, rivers have been pouring unlimited amounts of water into the ocean. Yet, the ocean doesn't overflow; it remains calm. Similarly, a personwho takes the time to connect with God becomes peaceful like the ocean. He is not affected by the multitude of difficulties, adversities, heartbreaks, or betrayals that life brings forth Let us welcome this new year with

fer clarity and fill our lives with a purpose.

positivity. Let us be grateful for all that we have received. Let us strive to invest time in meaningful relationships, grow beyond our cocoons to become majestic birds soaring high in the sky. By connecting with God, may we attain

eternal peace and happiness.

The writer is spiritual guru, ISKCON



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40-YEAR-OLD LEBRON JAMES SAYS HE WANTS TO FINISH HIS CAREER WITH THE LAKERS

GOLF HALL OF FAMER LYDIA KO BECOMES A DAME IN NEW YEAR'S HONORS IN NEW ZEALAND



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Melbourne: Robit Snarma and Virat Alit Agarkar-led selection committee the edges at the same time.

end is looming. It's not here yet Maybe. tomorrow. Or perhaps the day after. It must be an infuriating wait for these two the chatter — no doubt fuelled by whisdeclining stalwarts

Rumours are swirling as the caravan prepares to enter Sydney for the last stop on the Border-Gavaskar Trophy tour Perhaps captain Robit, the lesser of the two Test batsmen, will have his head on the chopping block first. If India don't make the World Test Championship final, Sydney, it is being presumed, could be Robit's final port of call, a last chance to sign off with a hurrah

Kohli's may be a longer wait. A mod ern Test great, he still has time if he so chooses. Kohli still looks the part in patches, though the mind seems scrambled. It's getting easier and easier for opposition bowlers to plan his dismissals. Or, perhaps, there will be redemption round the corner, a Steve Smith-like turnaround, and a few more great knocks to add to the lore? The temptation to lin ger on is irresistible.

Of course, a Robit retirement now would be extremely convenient for the

Kohli aren't cut from the same cloth, but Celebrity worship and brand recognition their careers are definitely fraying at its so deeply entrenched in indian crick et's cloak-and-dagger management style With every predictable dismissal, the that coaches and selectors struggle to make the tough calls

> Even now, with the series on the line, pers from within the machine — is always about 'retirement', never about performance. Indian cricket's super stars, apart from one or two exceptions. have never shared a healthy relationship with being dropped, or with the dreaded R' word

For selectors, too, 'rettrement' makes it easier. The call appears to be voluntary. Just look at the way Ravichandran Ash win bid goodbye in Brisbane

The talk should instead be about hold ing on to one's spot. Retirement, irrespective of age, is a personal thing and not the issue here. If a player doesn't perform, he cannot keep his place. Great players get a longer rope, but it still runs out at some point. What he subsequently decides to do with his playing career retire or keep playing — is his own call to make. Whether to pick him or not is he has a say in such matters

Unfortunately, that isn't how Indian

cricket, or even its rabid fans, function There are two ways to look at the Robit Robit just hasn't looked like his old self problem which has dogged the team since the pink-ball Test in Adelaide Going by performance benchmarks alone, his spot in the playing XI in Sydney shouldn't be a guarantee, even if he is the captain or it turns out to be his last Test with the Indian team. Ashwin, after all, didn't play m Brisbane

Robit's problem isn't limited to Australian soll. He averages 24 76 from 26 innings in 2024. This includes two hundreds and two half-centuries. In India's last five defeats, he averages 11-20 from 10 innings. His last 11 Test innings have brought him returns of 2 and 52, 0 and B. 18 and 1) (all vs New Zealand at home), 3, 6, 10, 3, 9 (all in Australia on this tour)

Even as captain, his overseas record is middling. He has led in eight overseas Tests, losing four, winning two and draw ing two. In these Tests, with the bat Robit averages 29 92, which includes that mag nificent 127 at the Oval. Before arriving here, India were whitewashed at home by New Zealand, an unthinkable blow. India have now lost five Tests under Rothe call of the selectors and the coach, If hit this season, equalling Sachin Ten dulkar's record from 1999-2000

Numbers, though, aren't everything lection in Sydney shouldn't be an auto-

when it comes to batsmen of pedigree out there in the middle. In Adelaide he took a blow for the team, shifting to the slot since KL Rahul and Yashasvi Jasiwal had just engineered a Test win in Perth along with Jasprit Bumrah

he batted better after returning as open er, though the runs still didn't come. In the first innings he was caught in two minds playing his favourite pull shot. In the second he stood firm with a Test to save, and some of that laidback swagger trying to play an attacking shot

of form. While it's easy to gauge from the numbers — he has 164 runs in 15 innings this season, starting with the Tests against Bangladesh — that Rohit has had a horror run, it's been only four months or so, from Sept 19 (start of the Chenna) Test against Bangladesh) till the end of the year Some famous batters have been known to nurse poor form for far longer So why talk of returement and not form even though Rohit is inching towards 38 years of age?

Either way you look at it, Rohit's se-

matic choice. Kohli is in a similar bind but with a significant difference. With Kohli, the numbers make for equally dreary reading — he averages 24.52 this middle order from his regular opening year — but he is at a superior level compared to Robit as a Test batsman. The debate is different

Plus, he has a century in Perth on this The move didn't work and at the MCG tour, the one time he got to bat against the older Kookaburra ball. He has shown self-restraint. The first-innings 36 from 86 balls at the MCG was a small but significant knock which earned praise from the likes of Smith

Kohli's problem has been both techni looked like returning when he perished cal — a tendency to reach out and drive at deliveries on the fifth or sixth stump The other way is to treat it as an issue line with askew footwork — and mental. motivated by the urgency to score some quick runs, since the runs aren't coming. The two are linked

Kohli too, has been in a long, gradual decline since the first Covid enforced break There could still be some gas left in the tank. Kohli may still have a prolific season or two in him. However, on current form, does he deserve to keep his place? Who can replace him at No. 4 in the present squad? These are questions the team

management has to answer As for Rohit, is this the end of the

OTMERS CAN BE AS BRAVE AS KONSTAS: WARNER

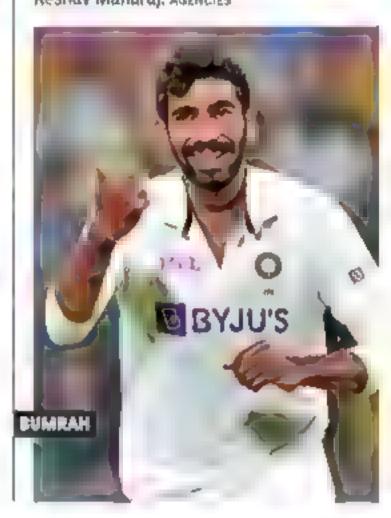
Melbourne: Lavishing praise on young Sam Konstas, former opener David Warner has urged Australia's sen or players to adopt a similar aggressive approach when facing Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, who has been a dominant force with the ball in the ongoing series.

The 19-year-o d Konstas played some stunning scoops and laps off Bumrah en route to a 65-ball 60 on h s Test debut during the fourth Test at Melbourne, which the Aussies won by 184 runs on Monday.

"It was very special. People are going to criticise him as well. That's the nature of the beast, that's the way he is going to p ay," Warner said.

BUMRAH NAMED CAPTAIN OF CRICKET AUSTRALIA'S TEST TEAM OF YEAR, NO PLACE FOR OZ SKIPPER PAT CUMMINS

Melbourne: Jasprit Bumrah was on Tuesday recognised for his spiendid performances in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy as Cricket Austral a named the Indian pace spearhead as the captain of its Test team of the year, which also features Yashasvi Jaiswal. Meanwhile, Austra ia captain Pat Cummins failed to make It to the XI despite enjoying a good year with 37 wickets from nine matches at an average of 24.02 with two five-wicket hauls. The squad: Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ben Duckett, Joe Root, Rachin Ravindra, Harry Brook, Kamindu Mendis, Alex Carey, Matt Henry, asprit Burnrah (captain), Josh Hazlewood, Keshay Maharaj, Agencies



McDonald optimistic about Starc's availability for Sydney Test

Melbourne: Australia head coach Andrew Mc-Donald conceded that Mitchell Marsh has fallen short of expectations with the bat against India but remained opt.mistic about Mitchell Starc's availability for the pivotal fifth Test in Sydney

"Any time you get through the game it's always." a good indicator that you've a chance at the next game," McDonald said after the hosts picked up memorable MCG victory: "It d.dn't stop him (Starc).

Clearly there was a little bit of discomfort early on in spells, but once he got warm it seemed as though he was pretty free. We'll see how everyone recovers Bowling last, it was a pretty attritional

> to in the last few years. "Clearly Starcy's carrying something of some description. We Il as sess that, "But other than that, it looks as though we got through pretty unscathed, but [with a] short turna

game, something that we're not used

round recovery is important, and we'll assess what the team looks like in Syd ney based upon the surface, as we always do

Should Stare be unavailable for the series decider at his home ground, McDonald expressed confidence in Jhye Richardson or Sean Abbott step-

ping in to fill the void. Starc's fitness issues, compounded by his heavy workload alongside skipper Pat Cummins, have also drawn attention to the limited role of Mitch Marsh as a fifth bowler

Across four Tests Australia's fifth bowling option Marsh has bowled only 33 overs, a statistic that underscores his underutilization. Marsh's contributions with the bat have been similarly under whelming, with just 70 runs in the series so far However, McDonald defended the all-rounder "He's in a good space. Would you like better performance es? There's no doubt about that. Over four Test matches, he hasn't been able to deliver at the level he would like and we would like,"

"He's up and about though. We just won a Test match. No, there's no concern. And I think people have probably been reading too much into that "PD

INDIAN CRICKET HAS DEPTH TO FILL ROHIT, VIRAT'S VOID: LEHMANN

line? Sydney will provide.

Melbourne: Indian cricket has produced a generational superstar in Yashasvi Jaiswal and will remain in good health even when Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma decide to call time on their careers, fee is former Australia head coach and two-time World Cup winner Darren Lehmann,

"Look whenever they decide to give it away and whatever happens in next few days they have been great players for India over a long period of time." Lehmann, a member of 1999 and 2003 ODI World Cupwinning teams said. "Now actually we see younger players starting to step up for India. There is so much depth, I won't worry too much. Whenever these two guys decide to retire, there are so many talented youngsters that Indian cricket will be in good stead."

GALLERY

Sidhu condemns Head's celebration as insult

New Delhi: Former Indian cricketer Navjot Singh Sidha has strongly criticised Austral an cricketer Travis Head for his controversia: celebration after dismissing Rishabh Pant during the Boxing Day Test. Head celebrated by pointing one finger into a circularly shaped hand, a gesture that has sparked widespread debate. Sidhu posted on X: "Travis head's obnoxious behaviour during the course of the Melbourne test doesn't auger well for the gentleman's game..... sets the worst possible example when there are kids, women, young & old watching the game...... this caustic conduct did not insult an individual but a nation of 1.5 billion Indians..... stringent punishment that would serve a deterrent for the future. generations needs to be s apped on him so that no one dares follow suit !!!"

Clarke feels SCG Test opportunity for Khawaja to retire: Former Australian captain Michael Clarke said that the final Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy between India and Austra ia could be a "great opportunity" for veteran opener Usman Khawaja to announce his retirement at his home venue.

Deepti jumps to fifth spot in ICC ODI rankings: Deepti Sharma climbed a spot to enter the top 5 in the latest ICC women's ODI ranking for bowlers to lowing her match-winning performances in the recently-concluded series against the West Indies at home, Agencies

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: NZ vs SL, 2nd T20, 5.45 am Thursday (Sony) FOOTBALL: EPL, Brendtford vs Arsenal, 1 am Thursday (Star) HOCKEY: HIL, Bengal vs Gonasika, 8.15 pm (DD, Sony)

Caruana wins another race against Arjun TIMES NEWS NETWORK

here is something about the race between Erigaisi Arjun and Fabiano Caruana

The Indian had overtaken the former World Championship challenger from the USA in the FIDE rating list in Nov. He was also leading the 2024 FIDE circuit points before the Chennal GM tournament that month But Caruana overtook him in the Decrating list and also topped the circuit points chart, thanks to some tournaments in the USA and has sealed the one Candida tes spot on offer this year. Seven more spots will be on offer in 2025

WORLD BLITZ

To Arjun's credit, he has added 60plus Elo points in the last 12 months, compared to Caruana's none. He had also swapped places with the Ameri can in the live rating list.

Their story took a similar turn on the first day of the two-day World Blitz Chess Championship in New York on Monday, No. 12 seed Erigaisi Arjun and No. 5 Caruana started with five wins in a row to be the only joint leaders at that stage. However, the next eight rounds saw Arjun log only two points and Carnana 4.5, Arjun thus fi nished joint sixth but overall 64th on tiebreak

R Vaishali made amends for India as she qualified in the top spot in the women's section. She was the lone Indian to win the knockout berth across both sections.

The FIDE has changed the format of the blitz event (3mins+2sec) this year with only 13 and 11 Swiss League rounds in the Open and Women's sections, respectively. The top-eight play ers in each section were scheduled to 9.5 points.



R Varshali advanced to quaterfinal

play knockouts (quarters, semis and final) on Tuesday night. These were to be four-game mini matches. No. 21 seed Vaishali (Elo 2359) star-

ted with four wins and remained undefeated for 9/5/11. She played two plavers above Elo 2400 for 1.5/2 against them. Clearly, the tougher tests be ahead K Humpy, who had won the World

rapid crown a couple of days ago, was unlucky to miss out on the knockout berth as she finished minth with 8 points, the same as last qualifier Zhu Ji ner. Humpy played all 11 decisive games, Her loss to compatriot Divva Deshmukh in the eighth round proved crucial in the end.

Eighteen year old Volodar Murzin of Russia, who had won the World Ra pid, made it to the knockouts of the blitz. Magnus Carlsen, playing with jeans, also made the cut.

After being 7/7, Caruana probably took it easy and despite losing to Ian Nepomniachtchi in the 11th round, his 2.5 points in the last six games were enough to give him joint top spot with

FBI issues warning to leagues about organized crime

The FBI is warning sports leagues about crime organizations targeting professional athletes following a string of burglaries at the homes of prominent NFL

and NBA players The athletes' homes are targeted due to the perception they may contain highend goods like designer handbags, jewellery, wat ches and cash, the FBI said in a Liaison Information Report obtained by ABC News.

The NFL and NBA already have issued security alerts to their players after the break ins. some of which have come when players were away with their teams for road games. The NFL's alert says homes of professional athletes across multiple sports have become "increasingly targeted for burglaries by organized and skilled groups."

Luka Doncic of the Dal-

las Mavericks is the latest professional athlete whose home has been burglarized. Lara Beth Seager, the star guard's business manager told multiple media outlets Sa turday there was a break-in at Doncic's home. Seager said nobody was home at the time of the incident Friday night, and Doncic filed a policereport. Star NFL quarterbacks Patrick Mahomes of Kansas City and Joe Burrow of Cincinnati, along with Chiefs tight end Travis : Kelce, have been victims. As Thakur (regular captain ak but has assured us that he qualifying for the knockouts.

Mhatre youngest to score 150-plus in List A @timesof ndia.com

umbai opener Avush Mhatre etched his na-I me in the history books with a record-breaking performance when he became the youngest player to register a 150+ score in a List A game while starring in his side's 189-run win over Nagaland in a Vijay Hazare Trophy Group C match at the Narend-

VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY

ra Modi Stadium in Ahmed-

abad on Tuesday.

Aged all of just 17 years and 168 days, Mhatre smashed a 117-ball 181 to eclipse the record previously held by another Mumbai batsman. Yashasvi Jaiswal, who accumulated 203 against Jharkhand in the 2019 Vijay Hazare Trophy when he was enjoying his breakout domestic season aged just 17 years and 291 days old.

Feasting on a below par Nagaland attack, the Virar lad unleashed 15 fours and 11 sixes as he powered Mumbai to a mammoth total of 403 for seven in 50 overs. Mhatre stit ched a 156-run opening stand alongside Angkrish Raghuvansi, who scored 56. The youngster was then involved in a 50-run stand with Siddhesh Lad (39), before allrounder and stand in captain Shardul

Youngest batters to score 150+ in a **List A innings**

17y 168d. Ayush Mhatre (Mumbal) 17y 291d · Yashasvi Jaiswal (Mumbai) 19y 63d . Robin Uthappa (Karnataka) 19y 136d : Tom Prest (Hampshire)

Shreyas Iyer was rested) showed his batting prowess in a fiery 28 ball 73 not out (strike rate 260.71) In reply for Nagaland, their 'pro' Jagadeesha Suchith scored a century (104, 97b, 7x4, 4x6) while Sedezhahe Rupero laboured to a half century (53 off 110 balls), as Nagaland finished at 214 for nine in 50 overs, with Thakur taking three for 17 in five

Mhatre had earlier scored 78 off 82 balls against Karnataka.

Rahane to miss the league stage of VHT

Meanwhile, on a "break ', senior batter Ajinkya Raha ne will miss the league stage of the Vijay Hazare Trophy Rahane hasn't featured in any of the games in the tournament so far and will miss the last two matches too. "Rahane has requested for a bre-

Abhishek & **Prabhsimran** hit centuries

India batter Abhishek Sharma hammered a 96-bail 170 with as many as 22 fours and eight sixes, while opening partner Prabhsimran Singh made a 95-bail 125 as Puntab outshone Saurashtra in a run-fest in Ahmedabad.

At the Gujarat College Ground, nearly 800 runs were scored as Punjab, who made 424/5 batting first, bowled out Saurashtra for 367 to win by 57 runs.

Hyderabad end Karnataka's streak

Skipper Mayank Agarawai's third century in a row was not enough as Hyderabad pipped Karnataka by three wickets to end their four-match winning streak in a Group C contest in Ahmedabad, pti

will be available for the knockouts," Mumbai Cricket Association secretary Abhay Hadap told TOL

Having lost to Punjab and Karnataka, Mumbai are placed third in Group C with 12 points in five matches. With just two matches left now, they only have slim hopes of

Manchester United could be in relegation battle: Amorim

Manchester: Ruben Amorim called it "embarrassing" as a Manchester United manager to be discussing the threat of relegation, but after Monday's miserable 2-0 Premier League loss to Newcastle United he conceded that is the reality his team are facing.

Newcastle's Alexander Isak and Joelinton headed early goals to hand Amorim's team their fifth loss in their ast six league games. They go into the new year 14th in the table, much closer to the relegation zone than the Cham pions League positions.

"I think (relegation) is a possibility and we have to be clear with our fans. We have to change something but this season will be really hard on everybody. It can make us stronger and we have to fight," Amorim said

moment, because I think the and there were even more af team is not improved, I think ter Monday's loss. The defenit is a little bit lost in this mo-sive issues that plagued for ment. So it's a little bit embarrassing to be much as United have haunted Amorim as well. coach and to lose a lot of with both goals on Monday games. But we have to cope—coming largely thanks to blunwith that, difficult moments ders in the back line. in the life of every body. So it's a hard moment."

but a dream start to his United ready knew," Amorim said, career, suffering five defeats—when asked if he has the tal in his first eight league games years, "Worrying times for going to be even worse. Manchester United and Ruben Amorim," former United de fender Gary Neville said on Sky Sports, "He came in as a playing one way and then they young manager and knew it—are playing another. And with was going to be a big job, but—a lot of losses, it is really very it is far bigger than he could tough on them. I have to sell have ever imagined "

Neville cailed United "the choice," REUTERS

Newcastle United have managed to defeat Manchester United at the Old Trafford United's home for just the second time in 40 league games.

Manchester United have lost three Premier League games in a row for first time since 1979.

Manchester United have finished the year at the 14th position in the points table - their worst performance since 1989.

worst pound for pound team in the country."

There have been questions over Amorim's commitment 'It's also my fault in this to his tactical 3-4-3 approach, mer manager Erik ten Hag

"Of course, I didn't choose the players specifically for Amorim has had anything that position, but that I alent to play his formation, "I - the worst record for a Man- have to sell my idea, if I'm gochester United manager in 103 ting to change all the time it is

"But I understand that they have a lot of difficulties, because they spent two years my idea I don't have any other



No one expected Chelsea to be where they are now: Maresca

side's head coach Enzo Maresca said no one expected his young team to be in their current position this season

by the promoted side after Liam Delap and Omari Hutchinson scored either side of the break, which rection, as I've said many dropped Maresca's side down times, but also shows that to fourth place, 10 points be- we are far from competing hind leaders Liverpool who (with) consistency and to be

Ipswich: Ipswich Town put a season, Chelsea hired Mares we are, but at the same time we need to know we (can) do things better." Championship title in Maresca has consistently

> assembled squad's title "Not one of chances, despite some im pressive victories this season. Chelsea have now collect

where we are edjust one point from their last three league outings. But the Italian said recent results were unavoidable.

"We expected this kind of moment during the season because we know that this kind of moment belongs to football It is almost impossi have a game in hand. Having there with the best teams in ble to have a season where you finished sixth in the last cam. England, I think we (have) do not have a moment like

EMOTIONAL NAVAS on Tuesday after just seven months in charge of the **BIDS FAREWELL** struggling

other financial lever approved by the Spanish

league in order to register playmaker Dani

Olmo for the rest of the season after a

judge ruled against the club. It was

the second consecutive court set-

back against Barcelona as it tries

to register the player before the

Without the court's backing,

beyond the end of 2024 unless Barce-

long convinces the league that it will

from Leipzig to Barcelona in August.

Olmo's contract can't be registered

end-of-the-year deadline,

Rooney fired as Plymouth

coach: Wayne Rooney was

etiring Spanish Championship team football legend The 39-year-old Jesus Navas former England and tearfully bid farewell to Manchester United striker was hired in hts playing career on May and departs with Monday with songs, chants and other tributes at a Plymouth last in the English second tier with four wins in 23 ceremony at Sevilla's packed Ramon Sanchez-Pizjuan games this season. His final stadium. The 39-year-old game was a 2-0 loss to Oxford United on Sunday which winger - Sevilia and the Spanish national team's mostextended Argyle's winiess run decorated player -- will officially to nine games. retire when his contract expires Cunha banned for two on December 31 due to a painful games: We verhampton and chronic hip injury which has

plaqued him in recent seasons. Wanderers forward Matheus Cunha was suspended for two games and fined 80,000 pounds (\$100,296.00) following fired as Plymouth Argyle coach his clash with Ipswich Town

LAMPTEY RESCUES POINT FOR BRIGHTON AT ASTON VILLA

Birmingham: Brighton & Hove Albion's Tariq Lamptey drove home a late equaliser to earn his side a point in a lively 2-2 draw at Aston Vida in the Premier League on Monday. Vilia had come from behind to

voileyed home first-time in the 81st minute. Villa remained in ninth place with 29 points from 19 games

evidence to suggest both could realise that ambition in 2025 although Brighton are now on a seven-

right in the end, even if both managers will feel they could have bagged all three points. REUTERS

Both sides will enter the new year with aspirations of qualifying for Europe and there was plenty of

match winless streak. A game of 33 goal attempts made for great viewing and a point aprece was about

Barca hoping for financial lever

approved to get Olmo registered

Barcelona: Barcelona will need to have an- after it reached a deal to sell VIP seats at the

be able to make up enough salary cap room struggles. It has resorted to a series of fi-

to register him in the squad. Olmo moved nancial levers in recent years, including

set to get approval from the league in time ture of Lionel Messi in 2021 AGENCIES

Spanish media reported that Barcelona is club's financial struggles led to the depar

lead with an Ollie Wattens penalty and a Morgan Rogers effort just after the interval but Brighton deservedly left with a share of the spoils. Lamptey was played in by Joao Pedro's clever flick and

with Brighton's second draw of the festive period leaving them two points behind in 10th spot.

staff after a Premier League match earlier this month, the FA said on Tuesday. The Brazinan was charged with misconduct after striking a member of Ipswich's staff with his arm at the end of their 2-1

renovated Camp Nou stadium for 100 million

euros (\$104 million). That would reportedly

be enough to allow Barcelona to add Olmo

and forward Pau Victor to the squad

Each Spanish league club has a

salary cap which is calculated based

on a series of factors that include

revenues, costs and debts. It is pro-

portional to roughly 70% of a club's

revenues. Barcelona has endured dif

ficulties registering some players

recently because of its financial

the sale of future television rights. The

home loss on Dec 14. Southgate awarded knighthood: Former England men's senior football manager Gareth Southgate has been recognised in the New Year

Honours List for 2025.

After leading England to four major tournaments and overseeing two Euro Finals and a World Cup semifina appearance, Southgate has been awarded a knighthood, having previously been made an OBE in 2019, the FA said in a release, Agencies

dent in Chelsea's Premier ca in June after he guided League title hopes with a 2-0 Leacester City to the English with at Portman Road on Mon day, but the west London his first season in played down his expensively Chelsea were stunned

us in this room expected us to be now Maresca told reporters "This means and shows that we are in the right di

paign and 12th in the 2022-23 to be satisfied with where now for us." he said recurses

Hyderabad win with bonus point against Delhi in HIL

Rourkela: Hyderabad Toofans grabbed a bonus point after prevailing over Delhi SG Pipers 5-4 in shoot-out after af ter both sides were locked 2-2 at the end of regulation time in their Hockey India League (HIL) match here on Tuesday.

Hyderabad Toofans took a 2-0 lead through Amandeep Lakra (11th minute) and Gon zalo Perllat (13th) before Delhi SG Pipers drew level with goals from Dilray Singh (21st) and Gareth Furlong (50th)

Hyderabad Toofans broke the deadlock through Aman deep in the 11th minute after a perfectly executed penalty corner. Amandeep generated a lot of power with his low driving shot that left Delhi SG Pipers goalkeeper Pawan with no chance. The Hyderabad side scored a quick second a minute from the first quarter off a pen alty corner through Penlat

Delhi SG Pipers reduced the margin in the 21st minute through Dhiraj, who showed

great presence of mind to lift the ball over the Toofans keeper in the 34th minute, Hyderabad's Rajinder Singh hit a low driving shot from distance, which took a deflection and ended up at the back of the net but the goal was not counted as the final touch came outside the circle. In the 37th minute Delhi SG Pipers had its first penalty-corner of the match but they could not capitalise on the chance as Hyderabad went into the third quarter with a 2-1 lead It was do-or-die battle in the third quarter but both the sides failed to get any result despite creating numerous opportunities

Delhi SG Pipers finally drew level in the 50th minute when Furlong scored from a well-executed penalty-corner Peillat came close to scoring the winner for Hyderabad two minutes from time but his shot from the penalty corner rattled the post and came back into

Djokovic, Sabalenka start season with wins

Brisbane: Novak Djokovic and Aryana Sabalenka began their season with straight set wins but Nick Kyrgios' return to singles did not go according to his plans at the Brisbane In ternational on Tuesday

Djokovic tamed local favou rite Rinky Hijikata 6-3 6-3 in what was the top seeded Ser bian's first tour-level singles match since October. A day af ter his doubles win alongside Kyrgios, Djokovic was precise with his serve and ground strokes as he outclassed Hipkata to set up a second round clash with Gael Monfils.

Women's world No. 1 Saba lenka sent a warning on her season debut with a 6-46-0 demolition of Renata Zarazua

Kyrgios proves match fitness in a losing cause: If

Nick Kyrgios was attempting to prove his match fitness after 18 months off the tour due to wrist and knee injuries, he did a good job on Tuesday, albert in a losing cause at the Brisbane

lasted 2 hours, 27 minutes at Pat Rafter Arena, 21-year-old Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard of France beat the 29-year-old Australian in three tiebreak sets -7.6(2), 6.7(4), 7.6(3)

International. In a match that

Dominant US and Italy reach United Cup quarterfinals

Sydney: United States and Italy handed out 3-0 thrashings to Croatia and France to top their groups and sail into the quarterfinals of the United Cup on Tuesday, Taylor Fritz's 6-3, 6-2 win against Borna Coric in men's singles ensured the US, who meet China in the quarterfinals, topped Group A.

Coco Gauff was equally dominant in her 6-4 6-2 win over Donna Vekic in women's singles. Gauff and Fritz were equally impressive in their maxed doubles win

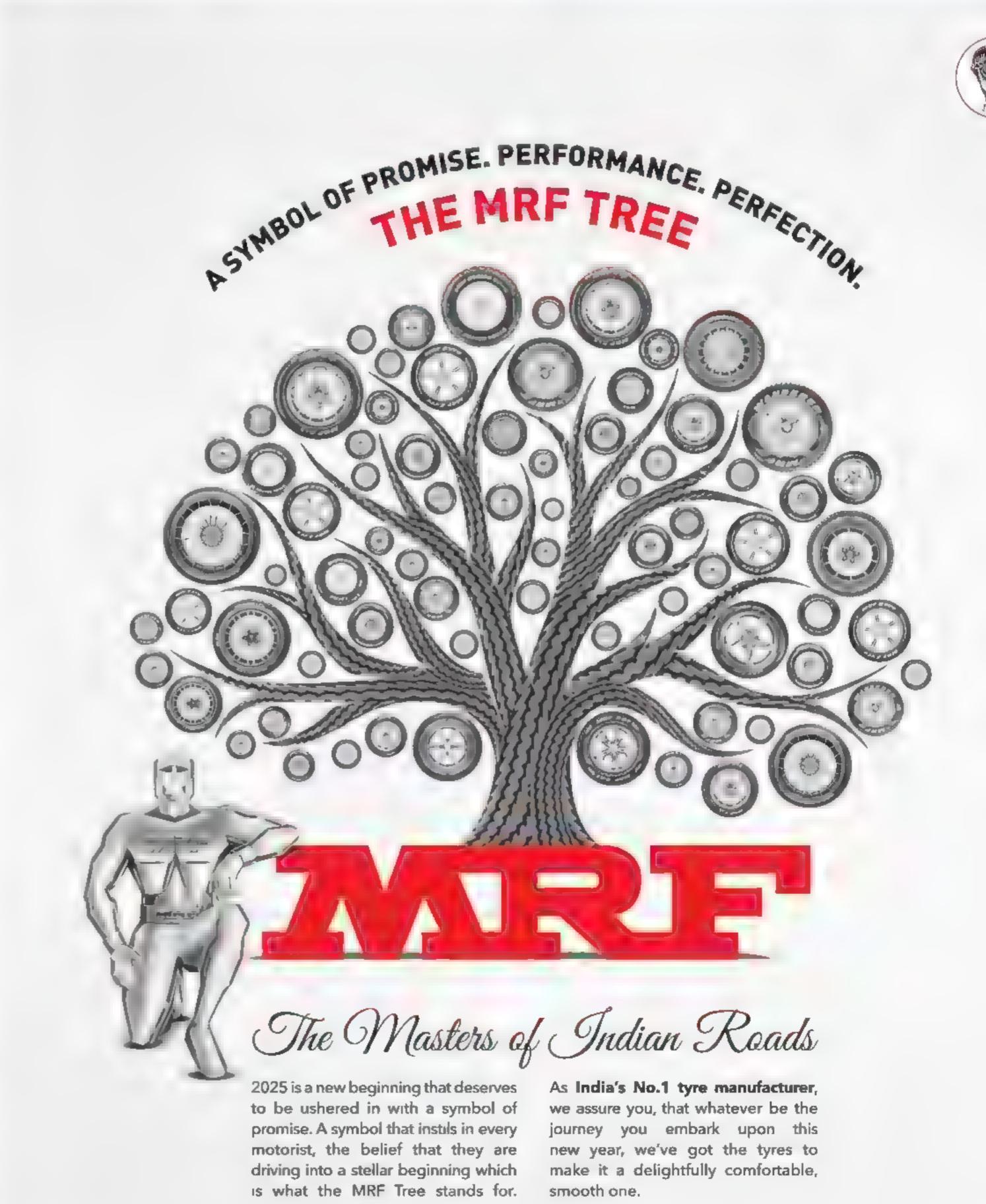
Earlier, Italy's Flavio Cobolli saved a match point to get the better of Frenchman Ugo Humbert 3-67-6(8) 6-2 in Group Din Sydney, AGENCIES

Bengal win Santosh Trophy for 33rd time

Hyderabad: West Bengal extended their supremacy in the National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy with a 1-0 win over Kerala in the summit showdown here on Tuesday, claiming the title for an unprecedented 33rd time.

Robi Hansda scored the only goal of the match in the addedtime of the second half Robi found the back of the net with an easy finish from point-blank range after Aditya Thapa headed the ball into the box.

Both the sides have shown form befitting of their stature in the tournament, winning nine of their 10 matches, while drawing one each during their march to the title clash. In recent times, however, seven-time winners Kerala have had the edge over their eastern rivals, winning the 2017-18 and the 2021-22 titles. PT



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Happy Women's Wednesday



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Hindi cinema is looking forward to a dhamakedaar 2025, with a mix of action, drama, comedy and thrillers set to explode on the big screen. Here's a quick look at the films that will woo the viewers in the first quarter of the year



by Shivaji Sawant, the film, directed by Laxman Utekar, is a historical actioner based on the life of Chhatrapoti Sambhaji Maharaj, played by Vicky Kaushal. The film also features Rashmika Mandanna as Yesubai Bhonsale and Akshaye Khanna as Aurangzeb.

Chhaava

An adaptation of the Marathi novel Chhaava

'The first quarter of 2025 will be action-packed'

Akshaye Rathi, exhibitor, says, "These films don't just have big stars, but are also being helmed by great filmmakers. The first quarter of 2025 will be absolutely action-packed for the box office 5 Shankar is a massy filmmaker and is doing a film with Ram Charan and Kiara Advani. Dinesh Vijan (producer), who doesn t go wrong with storytelling, is backing Sky Force with Akshay Kumar, Loveyapa, starring Junaid Khan and

Khushi Kapoor, is adapted from a Tamil hit. I feel Chhaava will do good business as it's a tale not known beyond Maharashtra. 2024 wasn't that great in sustaining the exhibition sector, with only a handful of films like Pushpa 2, Stree 2 and Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, among a few others, doing great. We are hoping that 2025 proves to be a wonderful year."

Angie-Brad settle their divorce 8 years after filing



ngelma Jolie and Brad Pitt have reached a divorce settlement, her lawver told Reuters on Tuesday, bringing an end to one of Horlywood's most contentious and closely followed celebrity splits.

Jolle filed for a divorce from Pitt, her hasband of two years and romantic partner since 2005 leight years ago. "This is just one part of a long ongoing process that

started eight years ago. Frankly, Angelina is exhausted. but she is

relieved this one part is over," Jolie's lawyer James Simon said in a statement, adding that a divorce settlement has been final sed, signed and filed with the court

Jolie had cited irreconcil able differences in the davorce filing. She subsequently sought full physical custody of their's x children, with visitation rights for Pitt.

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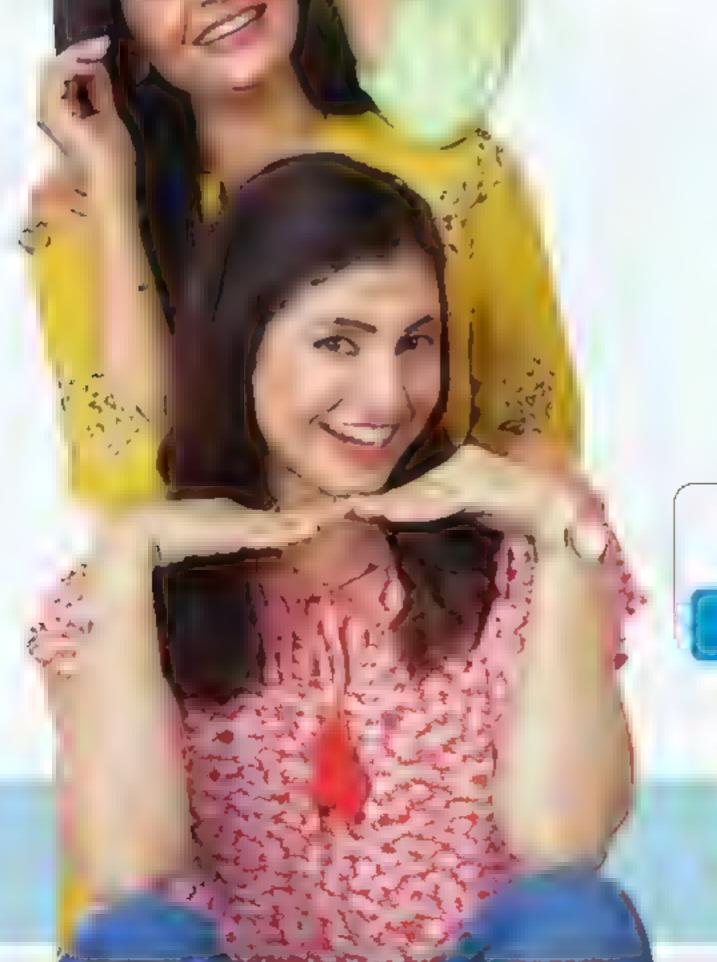


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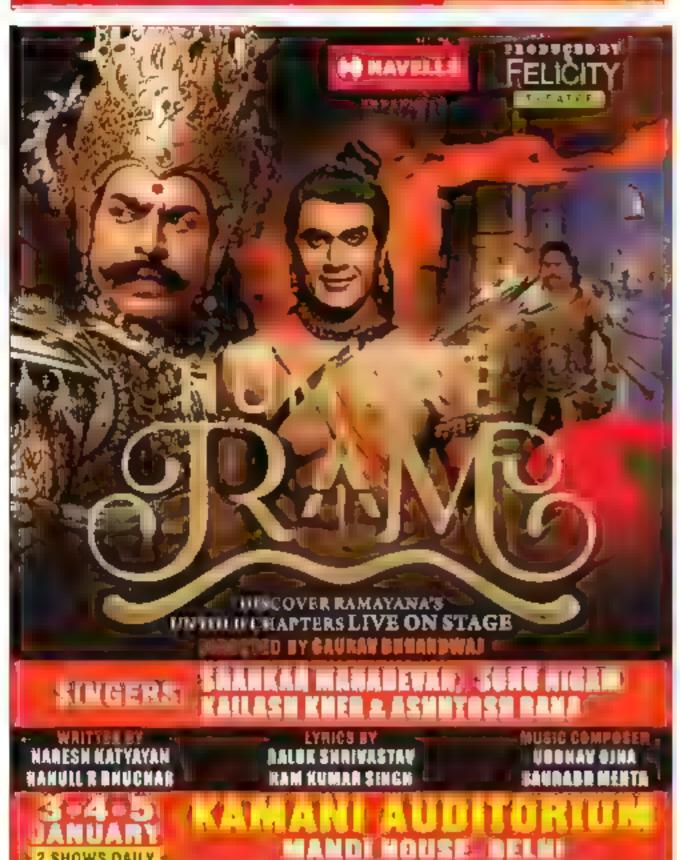
World's first scheduled commercial flight was only 23 minutes long

The world's first scheduled commercial flight took place on January 1, 1914, between St Petersburg and Tampa, Flonda. The flight was just 23 minutes long and carried one passenger. It was organised just a few months before that New Year's first takeoff The airline was the brainchild of an electrical engineer.



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Why our airports need some 'chai-samosa' love

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amesh Bhai got it right Hyderabad-based influencer Ramesh, that is: in the news as he turned chaiwallah aboard a domestic flight, serving tea to his copassengers in small, disposable cups, from a steel flask Exactly the Indian Railways way, mid-air at 30,000 feet. While debates were sparked on airline safety protocols, some passengers wanted a samosa with the tea

We take travel snacking more seriously than on-time departure and maybe even comfortable seats. Which is why it is not uncommon to

find large groups and families virtually hosting a picnic at departure lounges khakras, paratha rolls, biryani and bananas. Anything that would otherwise come with a hefty price tag at airport eateries.

The snacking continues on-air, where we pay through blame people if they expect the same chai-samosa

delights' noodles, poha, rajma, sandwiches. Mostly medible, hugely overrated. But eat, we must. Even if it is a short flight, A legacy perhaps from our days of train travel where our elders would share home food with fellow passengers, and stories would be swapped over railway curries and tomato soup. Even now, every time long distance trains pull up at a platform, hands emerge from the windows as local specialities and kulhads of

chai are passed around

Given that air travel no longer comes with the bells and whistles of its elitist origins, would you experience while flying?

In September 2024, P Chidambaram had raised concerns about the exorbitant prices of food and beverages at the Kolkata airport, where he was charged \$340 for 'tea made of hot water and a tea bag' In the winter session of Parhament, MP Raghay Chadha had flagged the issue of overpriced food and beverages at airports.

The government caught on, Last week, the ministry of civil aviation and the Airports Authority of Ind.a maugurated the first UDAN Yatri Cafe of the country at the Kolkata airport, offering a budget-friendly menu (tea and water for ₹10). There is samosa, too for ₹20

apiece. In these times of mercurial brawls over delays and flight disruptions, an affordable cup of tea and hot samosa could go a long way in dealing with turbulence. Whether on ground or in the air

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in Fig 8). Numbers in the puzzie indicale the number of lines that should surround it, white empty cells

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 Each puzzle has just one unique solution

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LEO: A new acquaintance could develop into a and your partner meaningful friendship. You II discover shared interests that will strengthen your bond. Approach casual promises with skepticism today. Not everyone is sincere, so analyse your financial situation. VIRGO: Avoid wasting time on trivial matters. Your ambibons align well, paving the way for success. Now is your opportunity to assess where you're at from a more objective perspective and make adjustments to avoid any stress.

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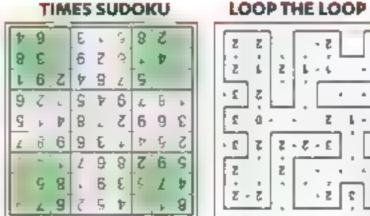
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DENNIS THE MENACE



Coming to Delhi feels like coming home: Gurmeet Choudhary



Riya Sharma

oming back to Delhi is always special for Gurmeet Choudhary, who lived here during his modelling days. On his recent visit to the city, the actor took a stroll in Khan Market and ate rajma with ragi roti. "Coming here always feels like coming home. The love and warmth I receive from the people here is unmatched Delhi has a unique vibe, it is energetic and full of life, and every visit reminds me of the incredible memories I've made

here," shares Gurmeet. Gurmeet adds that the city reminds him of his journey - from his modelling days to how far he has come, "Delhi has grown beautifully, and so has my connection with it. Over the years, it has become one of my most frequent destinations for promotions and events. Personally, I love

I miss the simplicity of my time here during my modelling days. The charm of Delhi's streets, the lively culture, and my early struggles shaped me

its vibrant energy and how it makes me feel appreciated and loved. The city never fails to remind me of my journey and how far I've come," says the actor, who also has a list of his must-do's in the city whenever he is here. "I love visiting India Gate, catching up with old friends to relive cherished memories, indulging in rajma with ragi roti for a taste of nostalgia, exploring Delhi's streets to soak in its unique vibe, and interacting with fans," adds Gurmeet.

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A DELIGHTFUL VISIT: NEHHA AT RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN



Nehha Pendse recently visited Rashtrapati Bhavan and shared pictures on her social media account. Along with the pictures, she wrote, "Delightful, enlightening tour of our Rashtrapati Bhavan (sic)"

After 19 years, am ready for movies, says Mohit Malik films. Sharing his experiohit Malik is all set to make his Bolence, Mohit says, "I will not lywood debut. The say it is an easy process for

actor will be seen playing the antagonist in Abhishek Kapoor's film Azaad. Mohit, who has played a variety of roles, from an abusive husband to a gentle musician on TV, says after 19 years, he is finally ready to act in a film. "I have been working in showbiz for the past 19 years, but in the initial years, the goal was to earn money and run my home. Also, I wanted to hone my skills and then give movies a shot. Since the past few years, I have been feeling that it was time to branch out, and I am glad I bagged this offer."

I HAD TO START FROM SCRATCH TO BAG A FILM IN BOLLYWOOD' TV actors often say that it's

not easy for them to get into

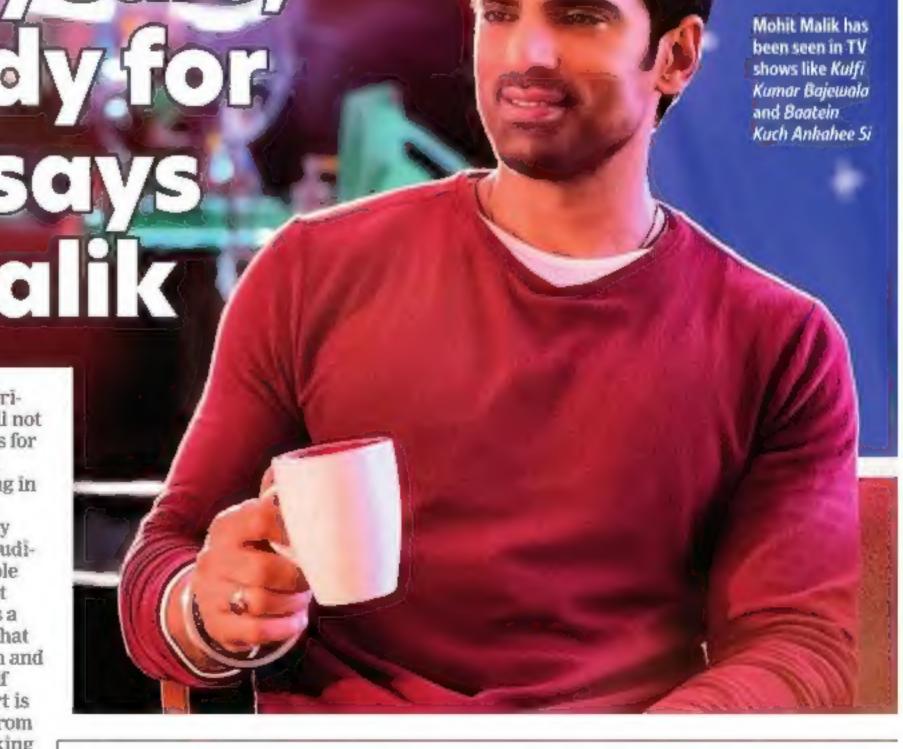
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any actor to bag a good film. Even after working in TV for so long, it was a completely new journey when I started giving auditions and meeting people for films. People did not judge me because I was a TV actor, but they felt that it is a different medium and one has to prove oneself again. The difficult part is how you have to start from scratch even after working for two decades in showbiz. I had to clear three rounds of auditions to bag a role in Azaad. Also, I am not a star kid, so I had no background. I am just glad that I bagged a film with a good filmmaker, rest will be my hard work and destiny."

HAVE PLAYED ROLES WHICH HAVE LAYERS'

Mohit clarifies that he doesn't plan to quit TV or OTT for films. He says, "I am looking at playing interesting roles across all mediums, In my OTT show Chamak, I played a queer character. Many actors had rejected the role, but I saw it as a challenge. I have always played roles which

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the report said. According to the data,

almost 40% of the waste occurs at the

while in developed countries, 40% of it

occurs at the retail and consumer levels.

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"This is enough to feed 3 billion people,"

After Gen Alpha, Generation Beta to arrive in 2025



to arrive in 2025. This will comprise children born between 2025 and 2039. According to social researcher Mark McCrindle, who is often credited with defining the generational labels, this new generation is estimated to make up 16% of the global population by 2035. In his blog post, McCrindle says, "Gen Beta will grow up in an era dominated by AI, autonomous transport, and immersive technologies." He adds, "With climate change, global population shifts, and rapid urbanisation at the forefront, sus-

tainability will not just be a preference but an expectation."

Interestingly, parents of Gen Betas – who will mainly be Gen Zers – may adopt a different approach to social media use. They will prioritise limiting screen time, having witnessed the pros and cons of early social media exposure firsthand.

Adding to this, another generational expert Jason Dorsey states that Gen Betas will learn about the

the data available through October," said a Copernicus report, adding,

Sources: "UNEP Food Waste Index Report 2024, ""UNEP, "theroundup.org.

+ World Population Review report on natural disasters in 2024;

Compiled by Upam Buzarbaruah

^^Nov 24 report by Potsdam Institute of Climate Impact Research, Germany,

**State of the Cryosphere 2024 - Lost ice, Global Damage report (published Nov 12)

"October 2024 was 1.65°C above pre-industrial level,"

digital world, Gen Beta will experience social connections differently, says McCrindle. "We predict Gen Beta will embody the balance between hyperconnectivity and personal expression."

Challenges for

Growing up in a hyper-

Gen Beta

NBC News, "It'll be something that maybe older siblings went through, certainly something they learn about in history, but not something that is necessarily a contemporary event."

COVID-19 pandemic in their history class. He told the

By the time Gen Beta will be old enough to vote, Gen Z may hold elected positions.



Captain America: Brave New World

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has a lot

Trade analyst

Taran Adarsh

to offer

and 2025

Ram Charan plays a double role in this pan-

India political action

thriller directed by 5.

Shankar, which also

stars Kiara

Advani.

The American superhero film based on the Marvel Comics character Sam Wilson / Captain America is the fourth instalment in the Captain America film series, a continuation of the television miniseries, The Falcon and the Winter Soldier (2021). The film is directed by Julius Onah and stars Anthony Mackie as Sam Wilson / Captain America.

Nimrat Kaur and Sara Ali Khan. Joining them in the cast is Veer Pahariya (marking his debut). Sky Force is a take on India's retaliatory attack on Pakistan's Sargodha airbase in the Indo-Pak air war of 1965.

Loveyapa

Newcomers Junaid Khan and Khushi Kapoor's upcoming romantic comedy Loveyapa releases in February. Described as a "tangled tale of love and its complications with a mix of fun and laughter", the film is directed by Advait Chandan of Laal Singh Chaddha and Secret Superstar fame. The film is said to be a remake of the 2022 Tamil movie Love Today.



REWIND

In Delhi, we have an urgent requirement of at least five

more indoor and outdoor venues,

where big-scale concerts can be

organised. As there are more

such performances

concerts being organised now,

we should have more venues for

Divya Kaushik

Thandel

Thandel will be

Noga Chaitanya's

first release post

his wedding with

Sobhita Dhulipala.

Directed by

Chandoo Mondeti,

the Telugu film also

stars Sai Pallavi.

ith more than 100 concerts and performances across the world, 2024 was one of the busiest years for Kailash Kher. "As compared to the last few years, it is for the first time that we have had back-to-back concerts for more than a month. I don't have any break till January 8. Mera gala bhi baith jata hai and I often tell people ki, 'Baksh do mujhe, 12-15 din se lagatar gaa raha hun 2-3 ghante tak," the singer shares.

'I think 2024 was the first time when so many concerts were held in India'

The singer, who is known for his songs like Jaikara, Teri Deewani, says that the biggest change in the music scene this year has been the increase in live shows and concerts. "2024 was the first time that so many concerts have happened in India. As compared to the last few years, there was a significant rise in the number of concerts. Fans are evolving and now they want to attend live concerts. Pehle kaun concert ke tickets khareedta tha? Pehle toh free mein chahiye thi sabko tickets. Now, we are at a stage where almost all our shows are sold out. Fans are changing their approach towards music and what they like to hear is also changing. They give preference to non-filmy music too," he says.

'We currently lack good infrastructure for music concerts and festivals'

He adds that while the number of concerts in India is going up, there is an urgent need to develop concert venues in different cities. "When we recently performed in Delhi, at Central Park in Connaught Place, the venue was for 4,000-5,000 people, but around 12,000 people attended the concert. We currently lack good infrastructure for music concerts and festivals. We need more venues. Auditoriums and amphitheaters should be planned like malls in different cities, especially metros. While there have been initiatives, we need multiple venues with worldclass facilities," he says.



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Stars give 2025 a wintery welcome! From snow-peaked mountains, carnivals in London to dreamy Finland - celebs bid farewell to 2024 wrapped in winter goodness

